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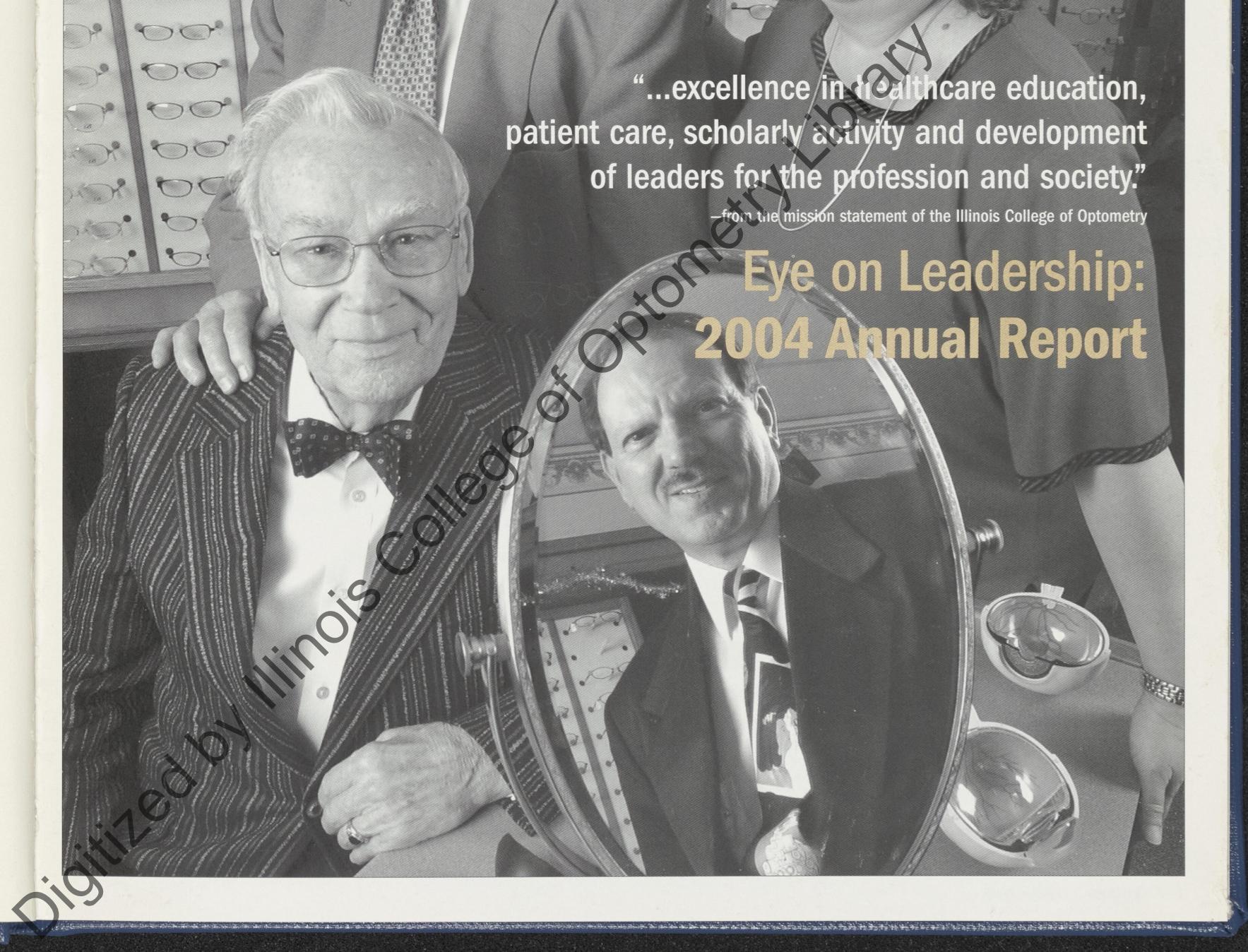
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First day of Spring Quarter

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Practice Opportunities Symposium

Campus

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2005

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ICO Phon-a-thon

Beginning March 7, ICO students and alumni will be calling you to raise gifts for our Annual Fund.



While you're on the phone:

- Take a minute to get to know your student caller, or reconnect with an ICO alum.
- Offer words of encouragement on beginning the practice of optometry.
- Provide updates on new addresses and contact information.
- Make a gift to our Annual Fund and help your callers succeed!

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

Multicultural night

Campus

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2005

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Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago Campus

Alumni Council Board Meeting

Campus

SATURDAY, JUNE 04, 2005

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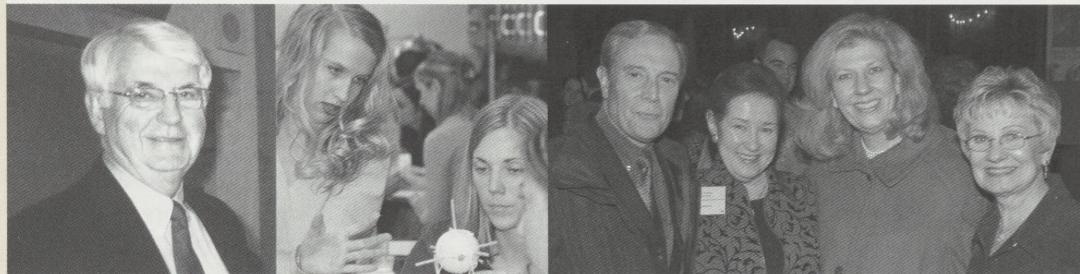
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Front cover: Clockwise from left, Gene Ossello, MCO '42; Floyd Woods, CCO '51; Sandra Bury, OD '95; Jay Gullotta, OD '79. Photo by Lloyd DeGrane

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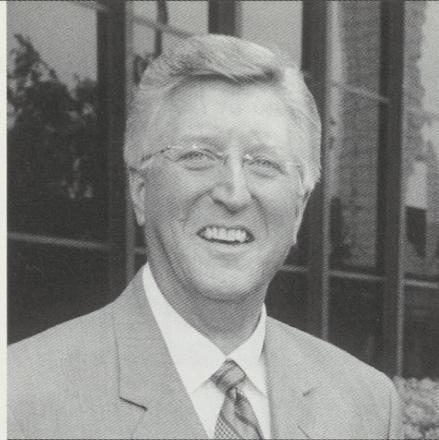
Dear Editor,

On the back of the last issue of *ICO Matters* (Fall 2004), the students identified were said to be from the 80s. Actually, most of the guys shown were in the class of 1978.

— Dominick Maino, OD '78

Thanks Dr. Maino — we stand corrected!

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A Message from the President

Dear Alumni, Colleagues, Students and Friends,

I have been fortunate to be part of several organizations that consider leadership when they measure success. The Illinois College of Optometry is one of them. We have a long history of developing leaders within the profession and within our communities. Indeed, the stated mission of ICO is "excellence in healthcare education, patient care, scholarly activity and development of leaders for the profession and society." In this issue of *ICO Matters*, we explore leadership at ICO.

Leadership comes in many daily activities. It means being willing to stand up for what we believe. It means working diligently on the betterment of our living and working environments. It means treating people with whom we interact with respect and dignity. Most importantly, it means doing what is right.

The people in this issue are shining examples of leadership in its purest forms. We profile scientist Gary Lesher, PhD, Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, who has led legislation to promote pharmacology in optometry and represents the faculty on the ICO Board of Trustees. He was named the IOA Friend of Optometry last year.

Sandra Bury, OD '95, 2004 AOA Young OD of the Year, tells the story of how she was brought into her practice by another ICO graduate, Floyd Woods, CCO '51, who was encouraged by Gene Ossello, MCQ '42, whose partnership with Jay Gulotta, OD '79, was the model for Bury and Woods. Mentoring — that's another role of leadership.

Just ask Pete Kehoe, OD '84. He hosts ICO externs, teaching them the nuance of patient interaction and applied technical skills. He also sits on the Board of Trustees of the AOA, where he's leading efforts to establish a national program for free eye exams for children in their first year of life. In the 90s, Kehoe was part of the team, including Thomas Lawless, OD '71, Gary Lasken, OD '73, and D.R. Gordon, OD '71, that pursued successful therapeutics legislation in Illinois.

Then there's Tammi Carlson, who serves as Head Resident Assistant in the Residence Complex. She also tutors, performs with ICO Players and co-chairs the Wisconsin Club at ICO.

I am so proud of our ICO student leaders. Recently, two of our third-year students were elected President of optometry's two student organizations. Jason Blowe was elected President of the National Optometric Student Association, and Al Licup was named President of the American Optometric Student Association. We are proud to have both major student associations headed by ICO students.

Another organization that values leadership is the Rotary Club of Chicago. This year, my club, the first Rotary Club in the world, will celebrate its centennial year. Our tag line is "Making business leaders community leaders since 1905." I know many of you have been involved with your local Rotary Club (or other service clubs) and recognize what a positive impact your participation has.

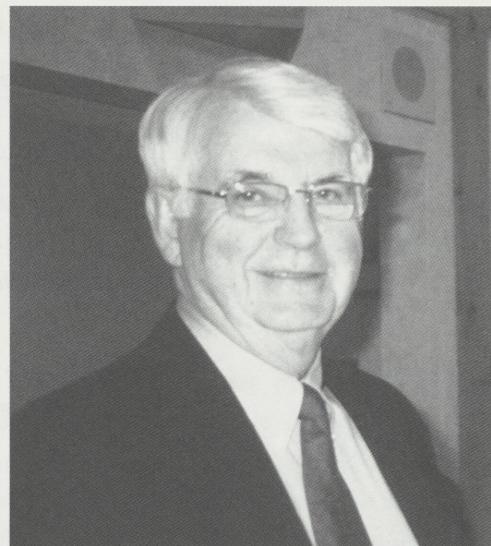
What a privilege it is for me to be part of organizations that value leadership. It is a tremendous honor for me to have optometric colleagues who are willing and able to be such capable leaders.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arol Augsburger".

Arol Augsburger, OD

A Word from Dr. Butler

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Optometry opened many doors for me and I am grateful to the Illinois College of Optometry for the education that made these opportunities possible. I have always been proud of my College, my profession and my colleagues. It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

My personal association with optometry began when I met the members of my ICO class — the class of 1959. The friendships we established then have lasted a lifetime.

For 36 years, I was a partner in a private optometric practice in Clinton, Iowa. I always looked forward to the state convention as an opportunity to see three members of the class of '59 and learn about their Iowa practices.

An ICO classmate from Wisconsin is my older son's godfather. In 1987, this son graduated from ICO. When he

took the Iowa board another classmate was a member of the state Board of Examiners. My son now practices in Florida in an office founded by one of my ICO roommates, and his other two partners are ICO graduates.

Several years ago a classmate from South America sent his son to the University of Iowa to study the English language. My wife and I became his American parents. Speaking of the University of Iowa, it would not be an official Big Ten football season without game bets with a West Virginia practitioner and class member who graduated from Ohio State, or another who did his undergraduate studies at Northwestern.

In 1989, a classmate from Germany invited the class of 1959 to his country for a 30th reunion celebration. This fantastic event was the beginning of many years of exciting travel for my wife and me. We always consult another world-traveling class member from

New Jersey for ideas before we plan the next trip.

I was appointed to the ICO Alumni Council in 1991. Two years later I followed a 1959 classmate from New Mexico as President of the Council. Together we encouraged our class to become active in alumni activities.

Lifelong friendships are made at the Illinois College of Optometry. These bonds are renewed and strengthened at alumni gatherings and reunions. I encourage every graduate to become involved as an ICO alum and to attend ICO receptions at state and national meetings. Look for your classmates there — I do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Butler OD".

James R. Butler, OD '59

PLACES PLEASE

ICO's Online Placement Program

Through interactive online access, ICO's Placement Program (www.ico.edu) provides resources to those:

- **Seeking new opportunities**
- **Seeking associates**
- **Selling a practice**

This exclusive service is complimentary to ICO students and alumni. Users can:

- **Retrieve information**
- **Change or update information**
- **Contact providers**

In addition to the online service, the Placement Office assists students looking for part-time and summer positions in optometric settings. For more information, contact:

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Dear Alumni Recruitment Ambassadors,

We would like to thank you for representing the Illinois College of Optometry and the profession of optometry at colleges, high schools and career fairs over the last two academic years.

We hope you enjoyed meeting prospective students and sharing your experiences.

Sincerely,

The Student Affairs Office

Sylvia Arcos, OD '94

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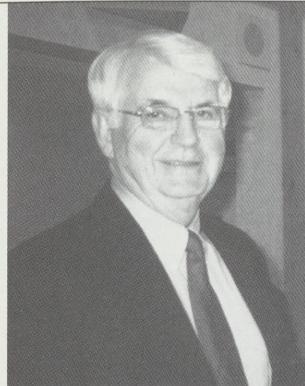
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Have a Seat

**Dr. James Butler is named
Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

James Butler, OD '59, was named Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Illinois College of Optometry last October. His roles at ICO have covered many areas:

- 1985 to 1991, Alumni Chairperson for the state of Iowa. Under Dr. Butler's leadership, membership increased to the largest active alumni group in the United States. Because of this and other accomplishments, he was named ICO Alumnus of the Year in 1989.
- 1991 to 1997, ICO Alumni Council. Dr. Butler completed his term on the Council in 1997 after serving four years as President. During the last two years of his tenure he was the alumni representative to the Board of Trustees.
- 1997, Elected to the ICO Board of Trustees. Dr. Butler has been Vice Chairman and served as Chairman of several committees at ICO: Membership and Awards, Strategic Planning, Presidential Evaluation, Finance, and Student Affairs. Dr. Butler was a member of one Presidential Search Committee and co-Chairman of a second Search Committee in 2002.
- 2000, The President's Award. Dr. Butler originated and spearheaded a successful fundraising drive in support of The Adams Center for Clinical Learning on the ICO campus. This facility, considered the "gold standard" for using technology in optometric education, incorporates the latest in educational technology to enhance students' clinical experience. For his leadership in this campaign, he was honored with The President's Award.

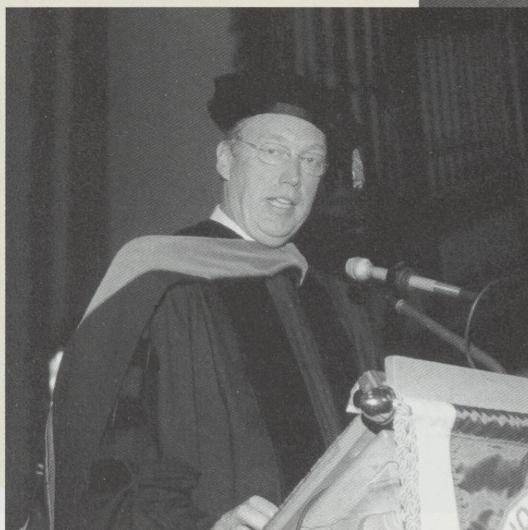
Dr. Butler was in private practice in Clinton, Iowa for 36 years. Now retired, he and his wife, JoNett, live in Atlantis, Fla. ◆

Thanks Dr. Lawless

Like a well-tuned relay team, Thomas Lawless, OD '71, passed the baton to James Butler, OD '59, when he stepped down as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois College of Optometry last October. Dr. Lawless has been a member of the Board since 1996. "I look forward to continuing my service as a trustee at ICO," he says. ◆



Chatting with Dr. Augsburger and a student



With ex-Bears football player, Dan Hampton, at Reunion 2003



Attending graduation

Eye On Campus

From left: Alan Tomlinson, OD; Lynn Petrica; Jan Jurkus, OD '76; Sharon Ube



Reunited

This year ICO hosted one of its largest alumni reunions ever.

More than 200 people attended Reunion 2004 last fall at ICO. On the schedule were a class reception and dinner, astronaut Jim Lovell as a special guest speaker, the Alumni Awards ceremony and a selection of Continuing Education courses.

"I think our class reunion this year was the best...and I really look forward to the future," said Peter Kehoe, OD '84. "The cool thing was that the weekend allowed people to see ICO in a different light and to really see optometry in a different perspective."

Alumni Awards were presented to Lori L. Grover, OD '90, *Alumna of the Year*; Ward R. Ransdell, OD '74, *Alumnus of the Year*; Thaddeus S. Depukat, OD '60, *Distinguished Alumnus Award*; Charles F. Mullen, OD, *Distinguished Friend Award*; Alfred A. Rosenbloom, Jr., NICO '48, *Humanitarian Award*; Pui L. Tsang, CCO '54, *Professional Achievement Award*; Brian W. Caden, OD '72, *Excellence in Education Award*; Louise A. Sclafani, OD '89, *Excellence in Education Award*; Albert H. "Buddy" Rodriguez, Jr., OD '74, *Lifetime Achievement Award* (posthumously).

Award recipients at the Alumni Awards ceremony



The Augsburgers, left, greet Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Rosenbloom at the Alumni Reception.



Alumni in State Associations: Leading the Way

ICO alumni shine in state associations

ICO grads seem to congregate at the helm of the profession of optometry. For example, look at these regional numbers:

ILLINOIS OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

2004-2005 Cabinet

Pam Lowe, OD '88 - Immediate Past President
Dennis Rabe, OD '87 - President
Robert Blumthal, OD '81 - Trustee
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Louise Sclafani, OD '89 - Trustee
W. Gregg Eubanks, OD '81 - Trustee
Dennis Brtva, OD '84 - Trustee
Robert Steinmetz, OD '02 - Trustee
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Todd Bussian, OD '84 - Past President
Gary Gray, OD '79, Journal Editor
Mark Skowron, OD '81, President of West Suburban Society
Mary Fritz-Jordan, OD '86, President of the Fox Valley Society
Robert Quilleash, OD '99, President of the Illinois Valley Society
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Edgar Perez, OD '85, President of the South Suburban Society
Tom Mahaffey, OD '95, President of the Bloomington Regional Society
Frank Loomis, OD '71, President of the Rock Island Society

Haniel Roby, OD '89, President of the Central City Society

Robert Peterson, OD '71, President of the Lake McHenry Society
Dominick Maino, OD '78, President of the ICO Area Society
Tammy Wieties, OD '89, President of the Eastern Illinois Society
Dave Balfour, OD '80, President of the West Central Society
C. Michael Murphy, OD '73, President of the Central Illinois Society
Michael Gewe, OD '76, President of the Southern Society
David Pesavento, OD '81, President of the Joliet Regional Society
Angelo Marino, OD '95, President of the Starved Rock Society

Awards

Vince Brandys, OD '90 - OD of the Year
Tim Williams, OD '95, Young OD of the Year
Gary Lesher, PhD, Friend of Optometry

WISCONSIN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Officers

Daniel T. Nowak, OD '91 - Vice President
Joe Prell, OD '78 - Secretary
Jeff Thomas, OD '86 - Director at Large
Eugene Cropp, OD '80 - Director at Large

Michael Tashner, OD '93 - Director at Large

Bradley Jorgensen, OD '84 - President, Fox Cities Optometric Society
Michael Ackermann, OD '98 - President, Indianhead Optometric Society
Jessica Entringer, OD '99 - President, Lake Shore Optometric Society
David May, OD '96 - President, Madison Area Optometric Society
Dean Rosenberg, OD '87 - President, S.E. Wisconsin Optometric Society
R. Chris Marquardt, OD '91 - President, Wisconsin Valley Optometric Society
Mark Dagenais, OD '98 - President, Kettle Moraine Optometric Society

Awards

Howard Hart, CCO '55, Lifetime Achievement Award
Alfred Waltk, ICO '64, Lifetime Achievement Award
Brian Hammes, ICO '74, Optometrist of the Year Award
David K. May, OD '96, Young Optometrist of the Year
Peter Emer, ICO '80, Curtis F. Kenitz Award for Volunteerism

IOWA OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

IOA Board of Directors

John E. Kruger, OD '76 - President
Wendy Muller, OD '93 - President-Elect
Mark T. Mentzer, OD '89 - Vice President
Steve Sloan, OD '82 - Secretary/Treasurer
Paul Schroeder, OD '82 - Past President
Larry Van Daalen, OD '87 - Trustee
Jay Petersma, OD '87 - Trustee
Rich Skotowski, OD '83 - Trustee
Mike Martin, OD '86 - Trustee
Scott Bowker, OD '97 - Trustee

MICHIGAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Officers

Peter M. Agnone, '80, Immediate Past President

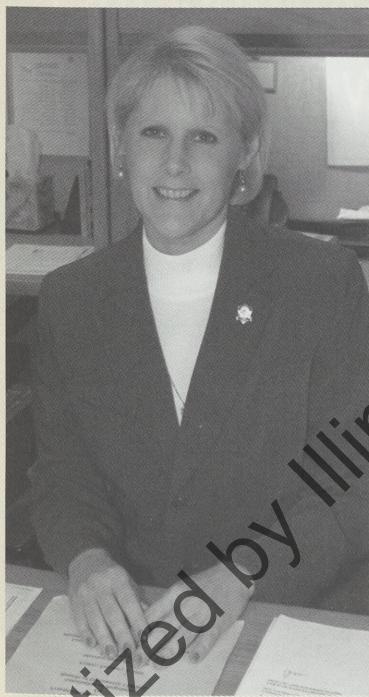
Awards

Theodore, B. Walton, OD '66 - Lifetime Achievement Award
Daniel Phillips, OD '97 - Keyperson Award
Jeffrey R. Varanelli, OD '98, Young OD of the Year

To anyone (everyone) we missed in this list who is serving in a position of leadership, please send us an announcement - we'd love to recognize you.

Meet Connie Pietrzak

ICO's new Director of Alumni Relations is someone you should know.



Name: Connie M. Pietrzak, MA

Position: Director of Alumni Relations and Continuing Education

Previous Job: Director of Student and Alumni Services at National University of Health Sciences in Lombard, Ill.

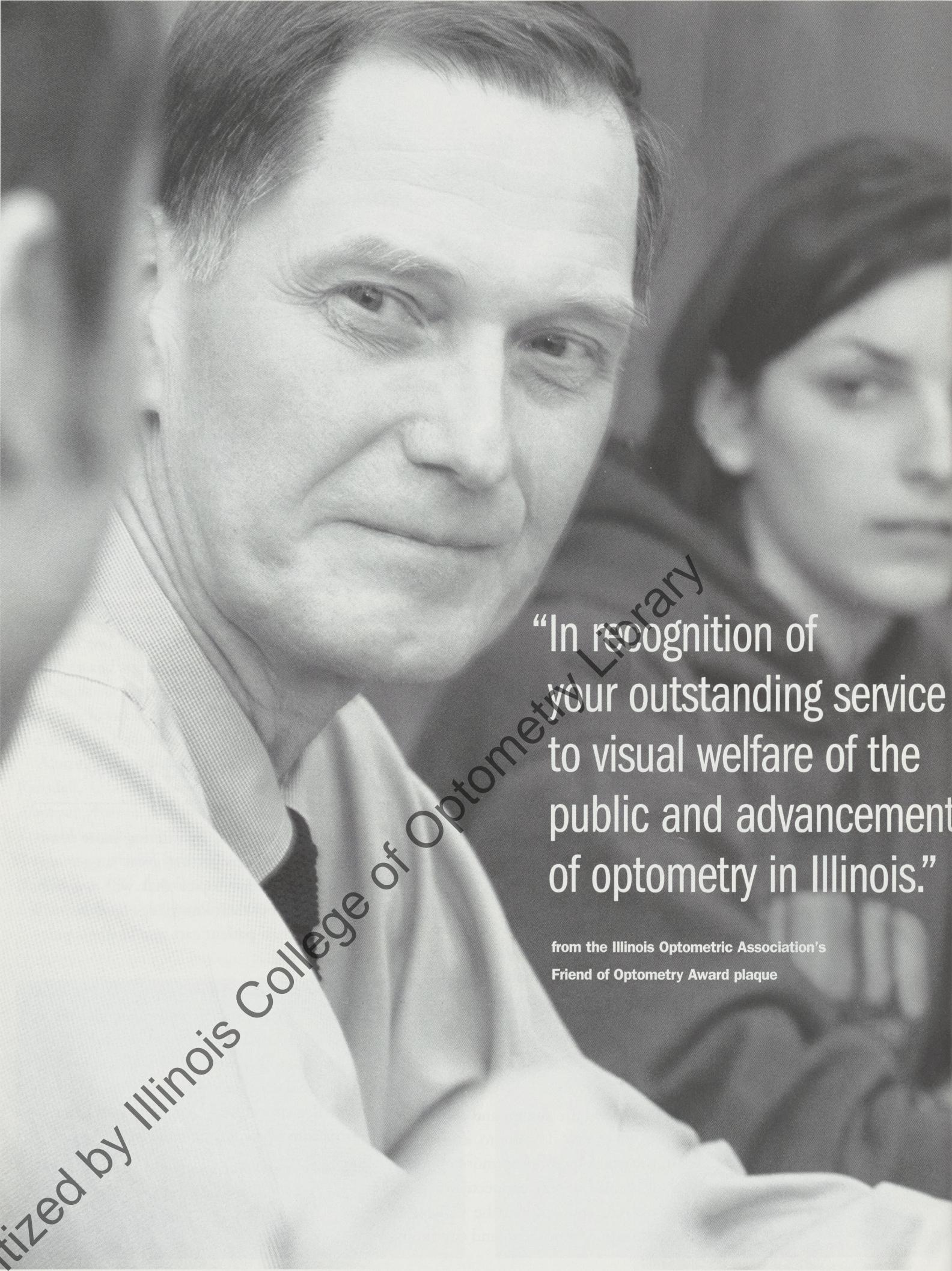
ICO Job Description: I am responsible for planning, implementing, and managing the College's alumni programs and Continuing Education programs.

Goals: To expand the alumni and continuing education programs. I want to expand the alumni programs by offering more opportunities for alumni to stay connected, become more involved, and support the College in numerous ways. I hope to expand continuing

education programs by offering more seminars. I have been getting great suggestions from doctors for topics that will not only help to further their knowledge base, but will enhance their patient care and business practices as well.

Final Comments: I love what I do and look forward to getting to know our alumni as well as the students. The people at ICO are all so friendly, positive and service-oriented; the facilities are spacious and updated; and the educational program is top notch. It is truly a privilege to work here.

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“In recognition of
your outstanding service
to visual welfare of the
public and advancement
of optometry in Illinois.”

from the Illinois Optometric Association’s
Friend of Optometry Award plaque

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Gary Lesher

A True Friend of Optometry

The plaque hanging on the wall reads "in recognition of your outstanding service to the visual welfare of the public and advancement of optometry in Illinois." Something you'd expect to see in an optometrist's office.

But this award from the Illinois Optometric Association was presented to non-optometrist Gary Lesher, PhD, last fall. At the time, Lesher thought he was going to the IOA meeting in Springfield to help prepare a bill to enhance drug legislation in the Illinois Optometric Practice Act. Then he came home with the "Friend of Optometry" Award. "It was very surprising and gratifying," says Lesher of the experience.

But anyone who knows Lesher and his dedication to his optometry students and the field at large wouldn't be surprised.

As professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Lesher is passionate about providing his second-year students with an understanding of the role pharmacology plays in the diagnosis and treatment of optometry patients. So much so, that upon joining ICO in 1983, he attended classes and participated in lab exercises, becoming familiar with the terminology and learning how to use the equipment. "I thought that was important so that I could better relate the knowledge I had about drugs to what the students might be doing in patient

exams," says Lesher, who is also Chair of the Basic and Health Science Department.

Outside the classroom, Lesher's dedication extends into the board room. In 2000, he was the first faculty representative elected to the ICO Board of Trustees. Lesher considers himself a liaison, ensuring that the faculty's interests are served at the Board level. The position came about as a result of the faculty petitioning the Board in the late 1990s to have a representative attend Board meetings. The faculty wanted to be more informed about how the school was being run, he explains. "We had no idea what the Board did...how the college functioned beyond our coming here every day to work."

Lesher also works with legislative groups to educate members of the Illinois House and Senate regarding pharmacological issues affecting optometrists. When he returned to his birthplace to begin teaching at ICO only a handful of states allowed optometrists to use pharmaceuticals. Today, all states allow them to use drugs, intensifying the need for optometrists to understand the pharmacological options available to their patients as well as the legislation affecting those treatments. ♦

— Ruth Carol





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Clockwise from left, Gene Ossello, MCO '42; Floyd Woods, CCO '51; Sandra Bury, OD '95; Jay Gullotta, OD '79. Photo by Lloyd DeGrane

When Sandra Bury, OD '95, graduated from college with a degree in painting and drawing, optometry was the last thing on her mind. But after a string of disappointing, dead-end office jobs, Bury knew she needed to make a change. "There wasn't a big market for painters," she jokes, "and the positions I was being offered were less than fulfilling."

The one thing Bury knew was that she wanted to help people. Then, as the best things often do, optometry came to her quite by accident. "I suddenly knew, sitting through [a routine eye] exam, that I wanted to be an optometrist."

While she could have chosen an easier life transition, Bury had made up her mind. Two years of science and math prerequisites and five additional years of education left her undaunted. On the other hand, she knew she needed a mentor. "Floyd Woods was president of the American Optometric Association at the time, and his practice was near my home," Bury says. "I wrote him a letter and asked if I could work for him for free, just to get the experience." Woods said yes, and they've been together ever since.

Floyd Woods, CCO '51, calls Bury "the light of my optometric life." And there is clearly something very special between them. "He took me in like a daughter," Bury says. While ICO provided an excellent clinical education, Woods educated her in the art and science of running a practice. He also did much more. "Every week, for seven years, in the envelope that held my paycheck he would add a note of encouragement telling me to stick with it, that I would make it. I've kept every one of those notes."

When Bury graduated from ICO, Woods was filled with pride. "What a great day!" he says. "Her effort and sacrifice

were enormous. She literally worked night and day to achieve her goal."

Bury joined Woods' practice and has since tripled its income. They've modeled their partnership agreement after the agreement drawn up by one of Woods' own mentors, Gene Ossello, MCO '42. Ossello, now in his nineties, has been an important friend to Woods throughout his career, and he and partner Jasper J. Gulotta, OD '79, gave Woods and Bury some sage advice about handling their own partnership. "They told us to do what they did; sign the buy-sell agreement, shake hands, put the agreement in a drawer and never look at it again!" says Bury. "Dr. Gulotta and Dr. Ossello have such a beautiful, healthy practice together. Floyd and I really try to follow their example."

Bury is setting her own example through her work with Kim Menz, a first-year student at ICO. "I hope to be able to give her the same encouragement and support that Floyd has given me," she says. Bury's energy and dedication to the profession were recognized last year, when the AOA named her Young OD of the Year.

Looking over these generations of optometrists, Floyd Woods reaches this conclusion: "If the private practice of optometry is going to survive, many more of these mentoring relationships must develop. I think everyone should try it. It's a wonderful feeling." ♦

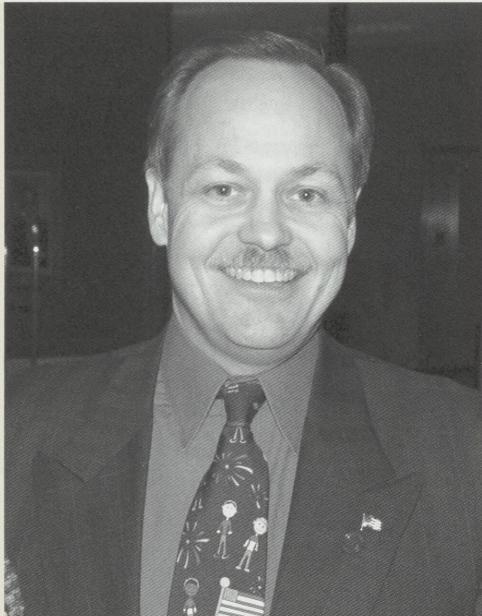
— Chryssa Atkinson

Come to the Practice Opportunities Symposium on Practice Transition, March 4, 2005. For more information, contact Lynn Petrica at (312) 949-7403.

Mentor Factor

"If the private practice of optometry is going to survive, mentoring relationships must develop."

— FLOYD WOODS, CCO '51



“[Leaders have] a knack for bringing opposing sides together and persuading them to think along a similar path. That way you can have opposing views and still move things forward.”

—Peter Kehoe, OD '84

A Conversation with Pete Kehoe, OD '84

Ever since Peter H. Kehoe was a teenager, he has volunteered to serve the communities he's part of. He was president of both his junior and senior classes in high school. At ICO, he served as “the equipment guy,” the student responsible for a \$250,000 budget to buy equipment for his class throughout their four years at ICO. When Kehoe graduated from ICO, he moved back home to Galesburg, Ill., where he joined the Lions Club (becoming president), and the Board of Directors of the local Chamber of Commerce.

By the late 1980s, Kehoe added optometric organizations to his list of civic involvement. He became a member of the West Central Illinois Optometric Society, where he moved through the offices to president. As Kehoe recalls, that's when one of his mentors, Gary Lasken, said, “It's your turn. It's time for you to step up, because we are going for therapeutics in Illinois and we need your help.” To this day, I have three mentors: Gary Lasken, OD '73, Tom Lawless, OD '71 and D.R. Gordon, OD '71. With their leadership and the IOA leaders, I started helping at the state level and it just became addictive. It's an addiction that I have — politics and being part of the solution.”

From the state level, Kehoe moved to the national level. Currently he is serving his sixth year as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Optometric Association. He also serves on the ICO Alumni Council and was one of the planners of the 2004 Reunion.

With the support of his wife, Melissa, and their three children, Alexandra, Kathryn and Vincent, Kehoe balances a hectic schedule of family, work (Kehoe Eye Care with partner Dr. Brian Plattner) and traveling for the AOA. Late last year, he took time to reflect on his life as a leader with *ICO Matters*.

ON LEADERSHIP

ICO Matters: What are the qualities of a leader?

Pete Kehoe: A knack for bringing opposing sides together and persuading them to think along a similar path. That way you can have multiple, sometimes opposing views and still move the group or organization forward.

ICOM: Is a good leader hard to find?

PK: Not hard to find, hard to persuade to step up and be a leader. We need more in the profession — we need more in life in general. We're in a “what's in it for me?” society, forgetting that as a profession we can do a lot more together than we can individually and we need everyone to participate.

ICOM: How long is your appointment as an AOA Trustee?

PK: I was initially elected to a three-year term, and re-elected once. Next June I will run for secretary/treasurer of the AOA and hopefully in 2008, I'll be president of the AOA.

ICOM: When you were younger did you set goals to be in positions like this?

PK: Honestly no, not early on. But at the IOA level, when they asked me to step up, and I liked it, I made a conscious decision that if my peers felt I did a good job, I would go all the way.

ICOM: What do you get out of it?

PK: The satisfaction of seeing things change for the better. Early on I was asked why I do this, and I couldn't answer that question until about the second board meeting of the AOA. Then I came up with this analogy: it's like a chef making a salad. There are all these ingredients in a salad and I get to help toss it. The whole salad is better than the individual parts. That was a revelation. It's not about power, it's being addicted to being involved and trying to make a difference.

ICOM: Which leadership roles have meant a lot to you?

PK: At the state level, when I attended the governor's signing of our TPA bill, that was a great feeling of accomplishment. And, one of my first roles on the AOA board was to put together the Infants and Children's Vision Coalition, which brought together all the organizations within optometry that deal with children's vision issues. We were able to develop a plan and now, six years later, we will be launching InfantSee™ next June. Former President Jimmy Carter is our honorary spokesman. It will be a national public health program that will provide no cost eye exams in the first year of life to all of America's infants.

ON ALUMNI

ICOM: How does your role at the AOA differ from your role at ICO?

PK: The Alumni Council at ICO is about making the school better, helping the students, and trying to understand what role alumni play at optometry schools. Optometry school was different than undergrad. You have a lot of life experiences that are unique to a limited number. I had 150 in my class, so we were pretty close and that was very special. Unfortunately, after graduation we didn't keep very close contact. But we will now after this last Reunion.

ICOM: Really?

PK: Yes, we had about 18 from our class come back, which was a big number. The cool thing

was that the weekend allowed 18 alumni to see ICO in a different light and to share optometry from different perspectives. I really look forward to the future.

I'm setting up a Web site and a bulletin board and we're sharing all our photos. The goal is to have 50 to 75 show up at our 25th Reunion in five years. That's because there are now more alumni who want to get involved. It takes time to remember that if it weren't for that degree, and the professional ICO allowed you to become, you wouldn't have the life you have. There is a tie.

ICOM: When did you start becoming involved at ICO?

PK: Probably 10 years after I graduated, I saw that a lot of my colleagues through the IOA and AOA were very involved with their alma maters. It caused me to reflect and realize that our class of '84 did some really unique things. We created the Blindspot Bar, which still has a legacy at ICO. So there were a lot of good memories and it made me want to get involved. Now I am able to share my experiences from the IOA and AOA worlds with those at ICO. I hear the pulse of the profession and this has been a way for me to give some of my experience back to the school through the alumni, faculty and students.

ON STUDENTS

ICOM: Do you work with any students?

PK: We have ICO externs come to our office, which is really fun and challenging. We have four unique externs each year. I have also participated in ICO's Practice Opportunities Symposium and the Private Practice Club. As an AOA representative, I've been blessed with many encounters with students and realize that the future of the optometric profession is very bright.

ICOM: What do you teach the externs?

PK: The externs are all good technical optometry students. Our priority is to make sure they can communicate with patients, that they know how to become the patient's doctor

instead of just being the robot that we all are in school just to get done with the exams.

The second thing we do is open our practice to them. We open our books, we open everything so they can ask any questions and we can help them understand how to be in private practice and the business of optometry. You can't pay your student loans if you don't make money. What we hope is that their graduation from optometry school is their entrée into the profession, rather than just their entrée into a job.

ON ICO

ICOM: What was the greatest thing about your years at ICO?

PK: The people. My classmates. Other than the fact that I got a good education. And I had a few professors who helped me appreciate the school. But it was mostly my classmates.

ICOM: How much do you run into ICO graduates? They seem to be really active.

PK: I've been very fortunate in that I've run into more of my classmates than most because I get to travel to the states where they are. I've actually installed two of my classmates as presidents of their state associations.

ICOM: Do you see ICO as playing a leadership role among other schools?

PK: Fortunately, I've been able to visit several of the schools and ICO is definitely a premier school. We all know that ICO has had some challenging times in the last 20 years. But I believe the ICO Board and Dr. Mullen righted the ship, got it back on track and I believe Dr. Augsburger will take it to the next dimension of where it can be as a leadership educational facility for optometry. I really do. I think it will be the pinnacle facility. His leadership, and alumni support will allow that to happen. ♦

No Retirement in Sight

In spite of failing vision, Eye Institute patient Abner Mikva continues his impressive career

Judge Abner Mikva has an impressive career. It began in the U.S. Army Corp. in 1944-45, and includes roles as a litigation attorney; a five-term Illinois State Representative; a five-term Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives; a federal judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for 15 years, including Chief Justice 1991-1994; White House counsel for President Bill Clinton; and a professor of law at Northwestern University. Mikva now serves as a visiting professor at the University of Chicago School of Law, his alma mater. He is Senior Director of the University's Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, where he works with law students handling case appeals. And as if all that weren't enough, Mikva was Chair of the "(Cook) County Commission to Investigate the Fire at 69 W. Washington" in Chicago in 2003.

At age 78, nothing seems to slow him down, not even diminishing eyesight. Over the past year, Mikva's central acuity has declined rapidly so that he is now very "vision challenged."

"About a year ago," he recalls, "the condition became more acute in my left eye, which had been my reading eye. Now, both eyes are failing and it's very difficult to read."

Fortunately, assistance from several low-vision devices and vocational rehabilitation assistance from the Illinois Eye Institute enable Mikva to keep up with his work and current events. He uses a reading machine that magnifies type from books or papers, a lighted hand-held magnifying device to read his PDA, and glasses with telescopic capabilities to watch TV or theater. Mikva explains, "I can read briefs and papers in a limited way using these devices. I receive the New York Times every day on tape and listen through my MP3 player. So, I'm keeping up reasonably well. It just takes me longer than it used to."

Although a Chicago resident for much of his life, Mikva discovered IEI by way of New York. "My son-in-law's brother is an optometrist in New York. He recommended that I see Dr.

[Dominick] Maino at the Illinois Eye Institute." Mikva currently is under the care of an outside retina specialist and Derrald Taylor, OD, MS, Professor of Optometry at IEI. He sees Dr. Taylor quarterly to monitor his condition.

"I have been very pleased with my care at IEI," says Mikva. "The staff is very enthusiastic. I've also been impressed that so many people who work there have vision problems themselves, yet are quite competent in their work. At IEI, they practice what they preach."

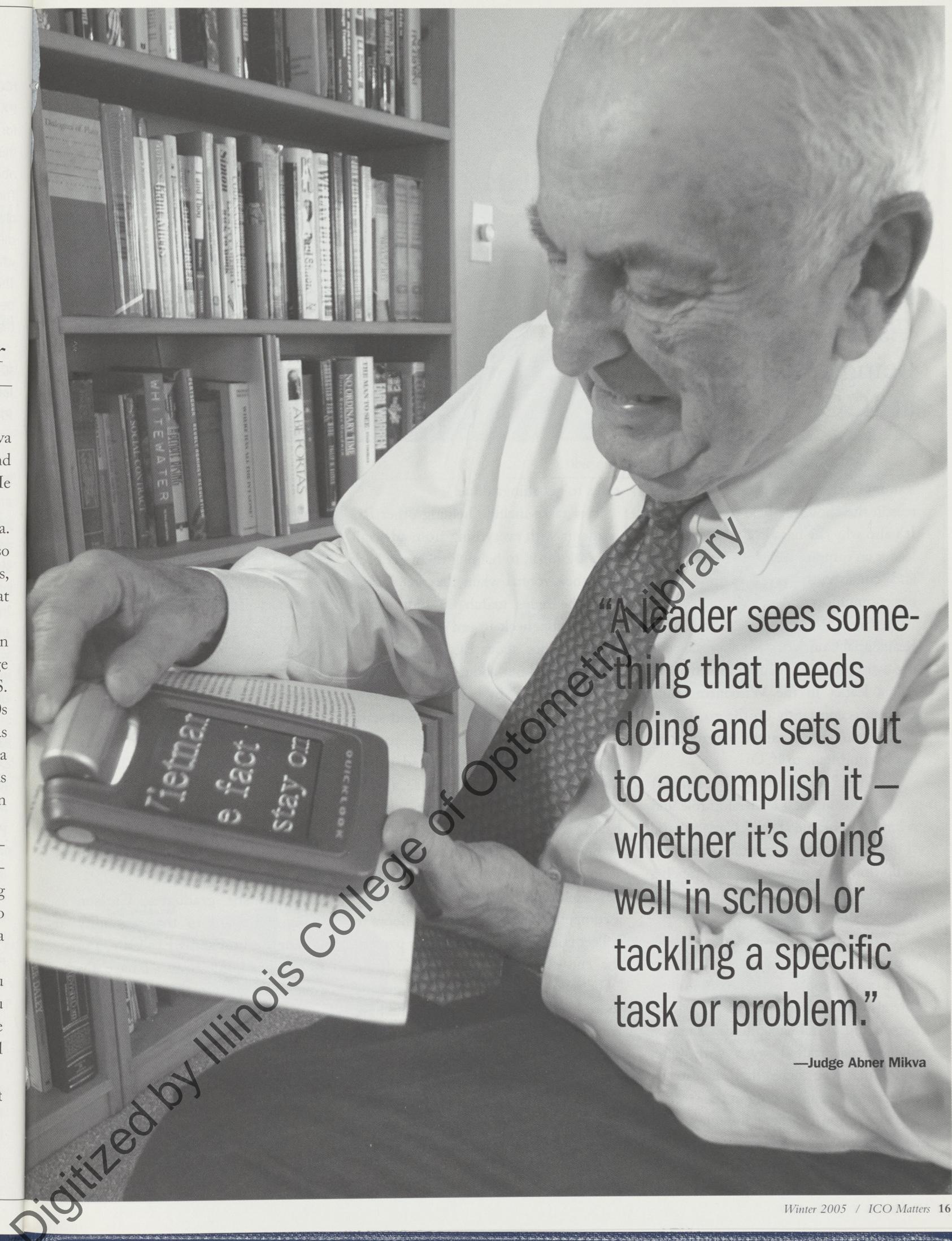
Challenged by macular degeneration, an incurable condition that is stealing his sight, Mikva draws inspiration from Judge David Tatel, a colleague with whom he served on the U.S. Court of Appeals. Judge Tatel began losing his sight in his 30s and now is completely blind. "It's amazing how he functions as a judge," Mikva says. "To review lengthy law briefs, he uses a machine that translates the tactile Braille into audio. He has been very inspirational for me as an example of how people can really adapt."

Mikva himself is an example of someone who inspires others. He has spent much of his long career in leadership positions. To him this means, "taking on a responsibility and doing it well. A leader sees something that needs doing and sets out to accomplish it — whether it's doing well in school or tackling a specific task or problem."

He adds, "Everyone gets frustrated with challenges. You can brood a little while. But, then you figure out what you need to do to accommodate the situation, so you can get the most out of life. Life is still good, even if I don't see it as well as I once did." ♦

— Michelle Rapaport

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—Judge Abner Mikva

Heads Up

Head Resident Assistant Tammi Carlson enjoys being active at ICO

Tammi Carlson loves people. That's one reason she chose the field of optometry. It's also why she has always been a quiet leader on campus: someone who steadily and consistently gives of herself to her community.

A Head Resident Assistant on the Residential Complex's 4th floor, a teaching assistant in the ocular anatomy lab, and a leader in the Wisconsin Club, Carlson is constantly on the go. Taking on leadership was a natural outgrowth of her commitment to ICO.

"When I became head RA, I hadn't yet had this big of a leadership role and it kind of took me aback," Carlson says. "I didn't want people to think I was in it to do things for myself. I'm very much a team player. It's no fun if you're standing there all alone," she says.

Carlson finds it rewarding to see how plans come together and how she can make a difference in her community. She also has developed a good sense of herself and of her capabilities. "I have a phenomenal staff I work with here, and when you have that, it can be the most rewarding thing in the world," she says. "You can actually enjoy what you're doing and not get overly stressed. You can feel confident in delegating

tasks to get things done."

Her tasks include helping other RC residents with everything from advice if they ask for it, to helping them get back into their rooms when they get locked out. She helps match up roommates, prepares for check-in and -out each year, writes memos about RC activities, and gets the word out about what's happening around ICO by being a connection between the students, faculty and staff. She also serves as a liaison to the Student Association Board and to the Student Promotions Committee, a committee that hears from students who are having academic trouble.

Being a head RA, though, is not all serious business. "We're involved in a new exciting activity called 'Floor Wars,' a competition among different floors to collect points and compete for a party at the end of the quarter," says Carlson. "The whole activity is based on getting more involved. Thus far, residents have received points for participating in such activities as donating blood in a blood drive, food for a food drive, and books for a book drive, along with walking for the Breast Cancer Walk and attending many of the educational programs that come to ICO."

In addition to her busy schedule in the Residential Complex and her demanding third-year academic program, Carlson also took a role in last fall's school play, *I Bet Your Life*, by Fred Carmichael. Prior to that she's helped out on stage crew.

She also co-chairs the Wisconsin Club, one of a number of regional or state clubs at ICO. "It's a way of creating a smaller community and of building relationships with people that you have a lot in common with," says Carlson. "A majority of us will probably end up going back to Wisconsin to practice, and we're all big Packers fans!" The club serves as a network for ICO alumni from Wisconsin as well.

When she graduates, Carlson is looking forward to the possibility of joining Berlin Family Eye Care, a practice in her home town. "I have always wanted to go into the medical profession, and after shadowing a lot of different medical professionals, I chose optometry because it seemed like a great profession," Carlson says. "Vision is such a precious gift." ♦

- Susan Soric

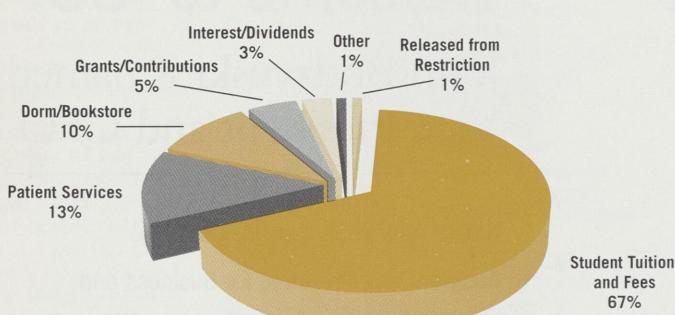


Tammi in the lab

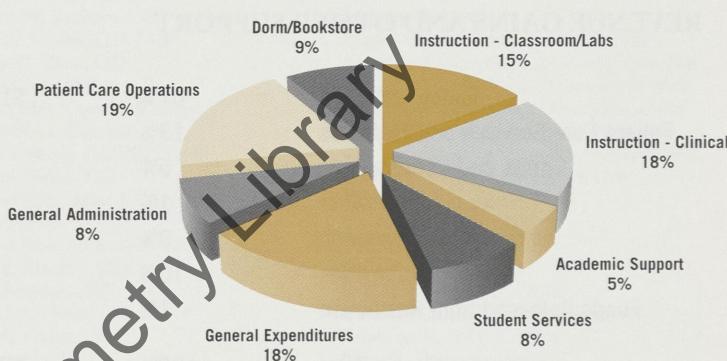
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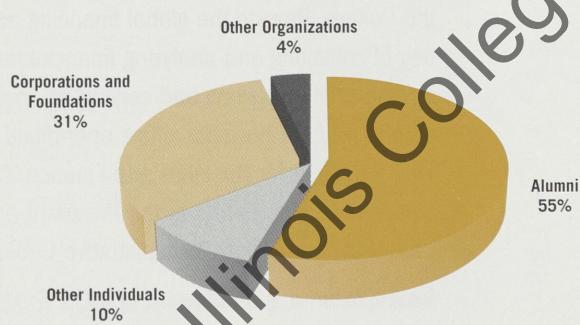
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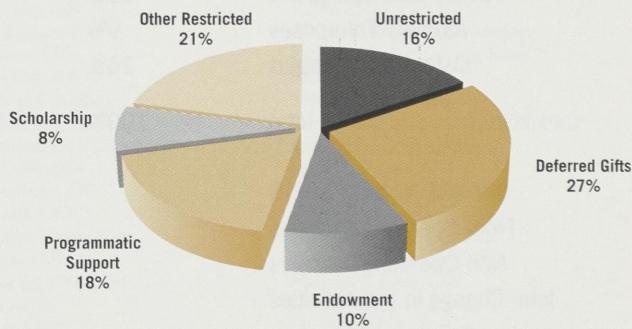
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	Percent of Operating Activity	2004 Total Unrestricted
REVENUE GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		
Tuition and Fees	67%	\$17,328,989
Patient Care Services and Materials	13%	3,167,967
Grants and Contributions	5%	1,219,036
Other	1%	222,809
Interest and Dividends	3%	670,364
Auxiliary Enterprises	10%	2,445,968
Funds Released from Restriction	1%	248,534
Total	100%	\$25,303,667
EXPENSES		
Instruction	33%	\$8,265,767
Academic Support	5%	1,422,526
Student Services	8%	1,964,456
Patient Care Operations	19%	4,967,615
Auxiliary Enterprises	9%	2,228,518
Institutional Support	26%	6,571,829
Total	100%	\$25,420,711
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
From Operating Activities		(\$ 117,044)
Non Operating Activities		\$ 2,170,781
Total Change in Net Activities		\$ 2,053,737
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		\$19,381,109
Net Assets at End of Year		\$21,434,846

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John Budzynski is named Vice President and CFO

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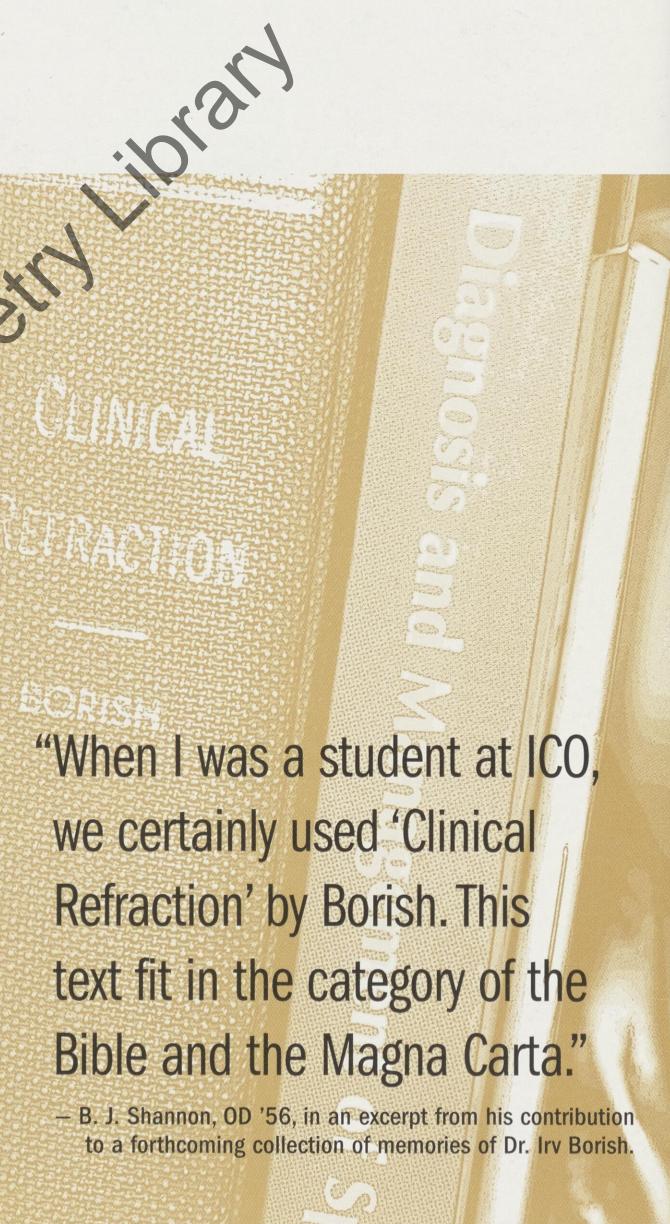
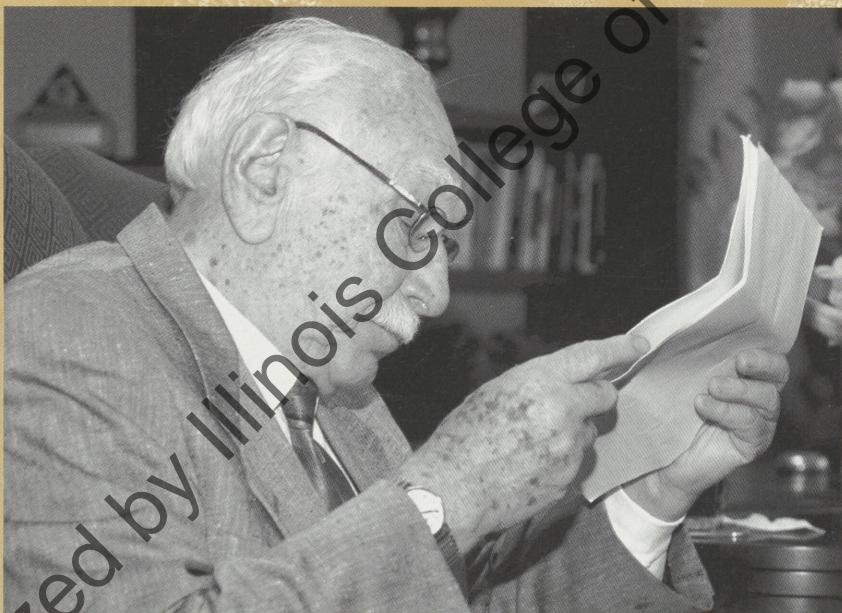
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"When I was a student at ICO, we certainly used 'Clinical Refraction' by Borish. This text fit in the category of the Bible and the Magna Carta."

— B. J. Shannon, OD '56, in an excerpt from his contribution to a forthcoming collection of memories of Dr. Irv Borish.

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Front cover: An OCT lights up Catherine M. Rojas, OD '96, at the "Glaucoma and Retina Imaging" CE course, held at IEI this winter. Photo by Lloyd DeGrane

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Letters

[I] enjoyed the Winter '05 *ICO Matters*. I would hope if there are no constraints of space that your former obits and news clips would be included in the next issue.

Sincerely,

Leonard Drucker, CCO '49

Dear Dr. Drucker,

Yes, you will find the Class Notes and Obituary sections in this issue of *ICO Matters*. We print those in the spring and fall editions. They are omitted from the winter issue because it also serves as the College's Annual Report.

Thank you for your letter,

ICO Matters

I enjoyed this most recent edition of the *ICO Matters* [Winter 2005] and compliment all who participated in its production.

I was especially pleased to see so many ICO graduates participating in leadership roles within their state associations. What a wonderful reminder of who we are and where we came from within this profession. I enjoyed recognizing the names of old friends from my ICO days and getting a glimpse of what they are up to now. It is always a pleasure to run into classmates at regional and AOA meetings. I have the opportunity to travel quite frequently when I lecture, and it is always nice to see ICO friends again.

Thank you for putting this brief article together.

Sincerely,

Carol Marusich, OD '81, MS, FCOVD



A Message from the President

"Mom, the trees have leaves on them!" How many times have you heard a grateful mother tell this story about her child who just received new glasses for the first time, and noticed the visual details not previously seen with the child's uncorrected myopia?

Or, how about the working adult whose vision kept fluctuating...only to discover during his eye examination that he had previously undiagnosed diabetes?

What about the new teenage contact lens wearer who develops a much better self image and social confidence with her new vision correction?

How many times have you solved a 40-year-old patient's near vision difficulties with the prescription of reading glasses, or progressive addition lenses?

Improving patients' lives by diagnosing and treating their eye and vision disorders is what optometrists do better than anyone. ICO graduates have had the best opportunity in the country to be exposed to a great variety of eye and vision disorders as they trained at the Illinois Eye Institute. In conjunction with a very robust external site rotation program at ICO, no other optometry program offers such comprehensive patient care learning experiences.

In the process of that learning experience, our optometry students work one-on-one with faculty mentors to provide care for the 75,000 patient visits at the Illinois Eye Institute each year. IEI is a community resource to the South Side of Chicago. We are the largest provider of eye and vision care at a single location in the state of Illinois. Fifty percent of our patients are eligible for care through the Illinois Department of Public Assistance (IDPA). Ten percent of our patients do not have any means to pay for their needed care, but IEI provides the same outstanding level of care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

This issue features the many and diverse programs at the Illinois Eye Institute. If you get nostalgic as you read, please send us your memories. They can be emailed to Carmen Marti at cmarti@gte.net, or mailed to her at 1706 W. Ohio St., Chicago, IL 60622.

Thank you,

Arol Augsburger, OD

The Illinois Eye Institute
continues to expand its horizons

Growth Phase

Take a look around the Illinois Eye Institute. That's what we're doing in this issue of *ICO Matters*. As you'll see, the physical space has changed, with not only a new snack stop and hospitality/information desk, but a completely remodeled Eyewear Center, named in honor of Robert L. Fait, OD '68.

Other changes have to do with keeping up with the latest technology, whether that means implementing an Electronic Medical Records system or purchasing advanced imaging equipment. IEI has also adopted an inventive internal marketing program to ensure that patient relations are always the highest priority.

But more than a time of change at IEI, it's a time of growth. Charitable service initiatives have blossomed since 2001, and patient visits have jumped up by thousands per year. As a result, IEI is increasingly a destination for international visitors, documentary makers and optometrists taking continuing education courses.

There's a lot going on, but not all of it is new. The Illinois Eye Institute is still primarily devoted to serving the underserved and meeting the challenges of its diverse patient population. It remains an academic environment, where students benefit from what is generally considered one of the best clinical training programs available.

Some things will never change. ♦



The Illinois Eye Institute was the location for a segment of PBS's "Sight & Sound ON" series. Produced in conjunction with the American Optometric Association, the piece features IEI staffers' school-age kids receiving care in the pediatrics department.



Visitors from medical and optometry schools in China met with Janice Jurkus, OD '76, (far right) and Dr. David Lee (center) late last year at the Illinois Eye Institute. They were visiting the United States as part of J&J Vistakon's Vision Institute.



Philip Hottel, OD '48, has made a gift of \$50,000 to the Vision of Hope Health Alliance, and ICO has named an examination room at IEI in memory of his uncle, James Hottel, OD '31. Dr. Hottel and his wife, Thelma, are shown with a plaque commemorating their generosity.



One of the many charitable services programs at IEI, Sight for Seniors works with the Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Department on Aging to provide essential eyecare services to older, low-income adults.



More than 85 optometrists gathered at the Illinois Eye Institute this winter for a continuing education course in "Glaucoma and Retina Imaging – Strategies for Comprehensive Disease Management," supported by Carl Zeiss Meditec, Inc. and Alcon. IEI was the location for the workshops because it has all the latest ophthalmic technology and a culture of cutting-edge care. In all, the course offered three hours of lecture, three hours of hands-on experience and participants could earn up to six hours of CE credit.



The Illinois Eye
Institute sees
further growth.

Looking Ahead

In some respects, walking into the Illinois Eye Institute these days is like walking into the lobby of an upscale inn. Guest Services Representative, Mary Meaders, greets you with a smile, points out the Café and directs you past the shiny, glass-block walls and cheery faces of fourth-year students in the newly-remodeled Fait Family Eyewear Center. Everywhere the emphasis is on customer service as well as top-notch patient care.

The Foundation

The physical renovations are the result of a cultural redesign at IEI and its founder, the Illinois College of Optometry. Initiated in the mid-1980s, the goal was to create a comprehensive facility where optometrists serve as primary eyecare providers. Then, in 1997, when former ICO President Charles

Mullen, OD, arrived at the College, he initiated a plan for IEI that focused on being competitive in attracting patients and increasing revenue streams.

This was not the original role of ICO's clinical arm. Established alongside the College as a teaching resource for students, the "Eye Clinic," as it was called, was a less-ambitious place in the beginning. According to Derrald Taylor, OD '68, who has been at ICO for 34 years and served as Clinical Director for seven years in the late 70s and early 80s, "It was a relatively small clinical and college operation."

But, Taylor says, it began to grow as the College expanded its curriculum. Eventually the Eye Clinic moved from a separate building to digs of its own under the same roof as the College. It was renamed the Illinois Eye Institute in the mid-1980s, and it began to broaden the scope of services it offered – to both stu-





left to right: Drs. Michael Chaglasian and Leonard Messner

dents and patients – to reflect advances in the profession. “There used to be more emphasis just on vision itself,” Taylor says. “Now we focus on vision, eye pathology and rehabilitation.”

Those changes in the practice of optometry were heralded by eye doctors such as Mullen. As part of the “Prescription for Excellence,” his plan for strengthening the institution, IEI’s attention to marketing and increasing revenue immediately began to pay off. From 1997 to 1998, the first year of the plan, patient visits were already up 4 percent. Early projections in the second year saw a 16 percent increase.

The Patients

Everything began to grow. According to Taylor, “The staff has quadrupled.” Today 60 faculty members and 10 residents work in the clinic, and the number of patient visits is increasing by

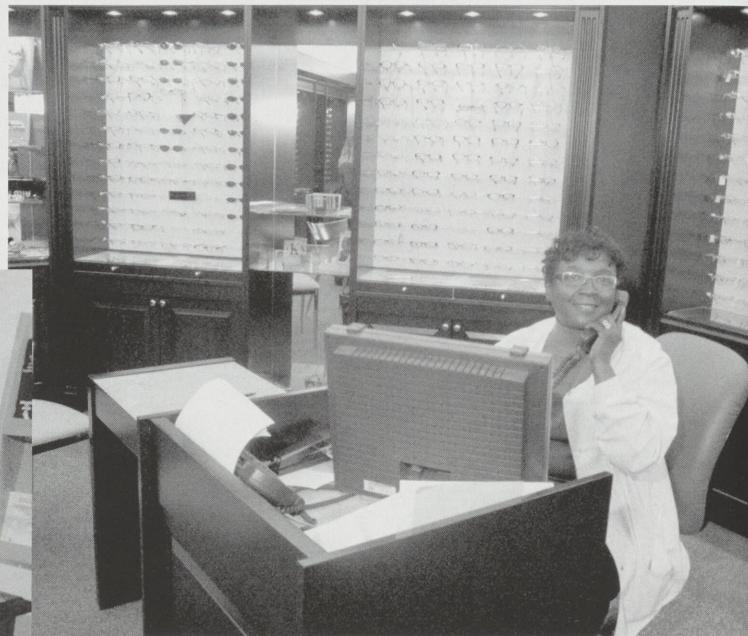
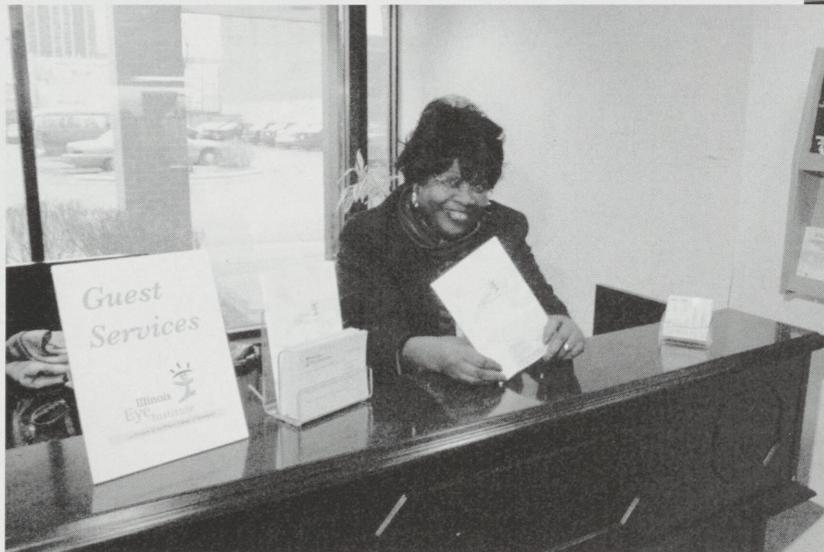
the thousands every year. Between the years 2001 and 2004, encounters increased nearly 15,000, to 75,693 last year.

A lot of the clinic’s success is due to Leonard Messner, OD, Vice President for Patient Care Services at the Eye Institute. Messner came to ICO in 1985 to be chief of a primary care suite. He brought a private-practice mentality that values patient satisfaction most. He remains oriented that way today. “I’m always trying to think of the patient first,” he says. “Everything we do comes down to treating our patients well, whether that’s comprehensive eye care or providing transportation so they can get here.”

As has always been the case, the patient population at the Illinois Eye Institute is based in its neighborhood, Bronzeville, on the south side of Chicago. Twenty-five percent is on Medicare and 50 percent on Medicaid. “The majority of the

Eye On Patients

Mary Meaders greets guests at the Illinois Eye Institute.



Optician Temetrice Rhea is busy in the Fait Family Eyewear Center.

patients at IEI are on some type of government medical program," Messner says.

IEI attends to so many low income patients because, "We don't turn anyone away," Messner says. "We are the single largest provider of primary eyecare services in the state. The clinic has always been a place that welcomes everyone, including people who can't get care elsewhere." That position not only serves the underserved, it serves the students. The Illinois College of Optometry is renowned for its clinical training of students. With a wide-open patient base of a high percentage of people who see no other doctors (see sidebar on VOHHA), IEI exposes students to a huge range of clinical situations.

The Challenges

The problem is footing the bill. "The biggest change in the past five years has been becoming a modern health care facility that provides patient care and education while being consistent with the business tensions of today," says Michael Chaglasian, OD, Chief of Staff at IEI.

Those tensions, Chaglasian says, include the need to be on the cutting-edge of technology and the difficulty of paying for it. With today's equipment, and broader legislative permission, optometrists have entered a new age of diagnostics. They

can now effectively identify and treat ever-more eye conditions...as long as they have the hardware. "Two to three years ago, we were one of the few to have the newest technology," Chaglasian says. "In many ways, that's an academic institution's role. But it's still expensive; some individual instruments cost more than \$50,000."

For Chaglasian, there's a fine line between meeting all those needs and going overboard. While the Eye Institute is proud to be the place patients can be referred for advanced care, it's just as interested in providing high quality primary eye care.

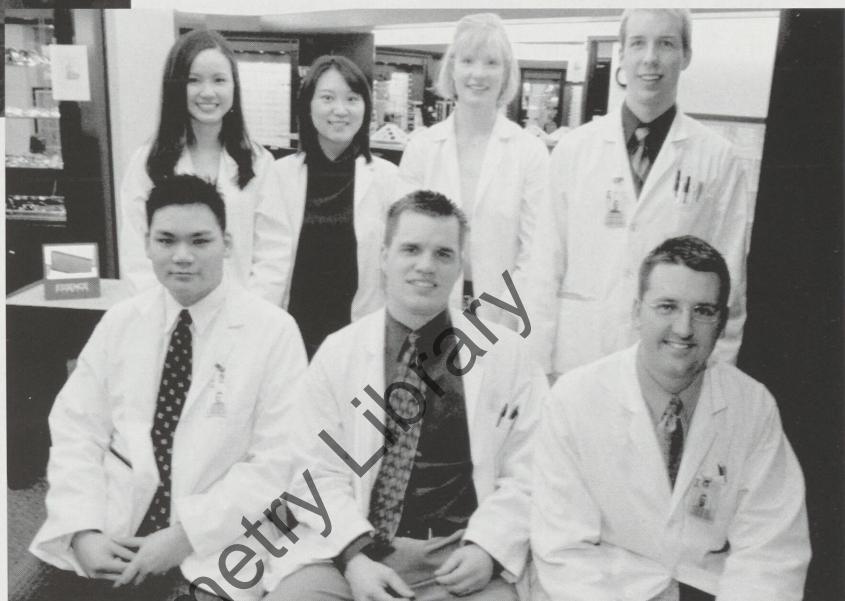
"Non-invasive testing on the cutting-edge of care is where we are and where we want to stay," Chaglasian says. "The technology we have is important – we can't teach students, or care for patients under an old model. But we have to balance our bread and butter – basic eye care – with specialized services. We can't forget where we came from, nor be cavalier about expenses. Our high tech instruments have to make good sense, both in terms of business and practice. We're balancing patient care, education and reality."

And the reality is IEI needs to break even. In addition to eyecare equipment, the clinic is considering a state-of-the-art Electronic Medical Records system. It costs a fortune, and it



Customer Service Representatives (l to r) Tara Franklin, Debbie Crandall (clinic coordinator), Rita Hyman and Kelley Sullivan

Fourth-year students on rotation in the Fait Family Eyewear Center (back row, l to r) Sheryl Chan, Renee Yu, Julie Kleva, Michael Fisher (front row, l to r) Tony Nguyen, Chad Reynon, Brian Herman



doesn't generate revenue.

But it's got to be paid for, just as disadvantaged patients must get care. And Chaglasian is most concerned about the patients. "The big challenge of the future is the cuts in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement," he says. "Our costs continue to escalate as those populations grow. It's important that we are as efficient as possible."

That's a tall order in an academic setting. Clinical education inherently costs a lot of money, if for no other reason than it takes a lot of time. Patients wait while students learn precisely how to conduct an eye exam.

Still, says Chaglasian, IEI "has transitioned into a modern, high quality institution providing some of the best eye care in Chicago."

The Education

But that's only part of the package. The Eye Institute largely functions to educate. Indeed, clinical interaction is built into every year of a student's experience, according to Stephanie Messner, OD, Chair for Post-Graduate and IEI-based Education and wife of IEI Vice President Messner.

She serves as a liaison between the College and the clinic, running the Eye Institute's residency program and supervising

students' involvement. She says in their first year, students start out observing, and by their fourth year, they spend four-and-a-half days a week working in clinic. By the end of all four years, students have seen nearly 1,500 patients in a variety of settings, both inside the Illinois Eye Institute, and in externship sites around the Chicago area and the country. At any one time, there can be 80 students in the Eye Institute clinic.

"There's a lot of overlap between our students' didactic education and their clinical experience," says Messner. "All our classes ultimately support the clinical training program."

And, of course, all the clinics are classrooms, which benefits students, residents and faculty members. "The students make faculty better doctors," she says. "They ask really good questions and require that the doctors are up on academic advances." Another benefit is that with the students' help, faculty can see more patients.

Plus, they enjoy it: "Everyone seeing patients at ICO enjoys the teaching that goes on in the clinic," Messner says.

Vision of Hope Health Alliance

Reaching out to those who cannot afford vision care

In November 2003, the Illinois Eye Institute established the Vision of Hope Health Alliance, a community service program that provides comprehensive eye care to uninsured, low-income adults in Chicago. Many of these patients also suffer from underlying diseases that contribute to their eye problems, and the Alliance helps to connect these patients to primary healthcare providers.

Building on the highly successful Vision of Hope program (launched initially with grants from the State of Illinois and the Washington Square Health Foundation), the Alliance is a network of partnering agencies that identify uninsured clients in need of primary eye care and refer them to IEI. Through gifts and grants from philanthropic sources and an in-kind commitment from IEI, VOHHA patients



receive examinations, treatment of eye disease, glasses, other devices, relevant health information and follow-up care. The Eye Institute then links those in need of medical services to partnering Federally Qualified Health Centers who accept VOHHA patients for primary health care.

During the pilot year of the VOHHA program, more than 400 uninsured patients were served and 79 percent needed eyeglasses (provided for free). Eighty-two percent was found to suffer from or have an increased risk for eye disease. And 55 percent warranted referrals to partnering health centers for medical care to address high blood pressure, diabetes and other chronic illnesses. The results have been significant, with many cases of not only improved eyesight, but improved quality of life.

That includes her husband. Though he's a member of the faculty, his interaction with students stems largely from working with them in the clinic. In addition to his allegiance to patients, Messner says he prioritizes practice in part so he can work with students. "It's a great place for me to be," he says. "That's where I really feel the pulse of the institution, in terms of students, patients, faculty and staff."

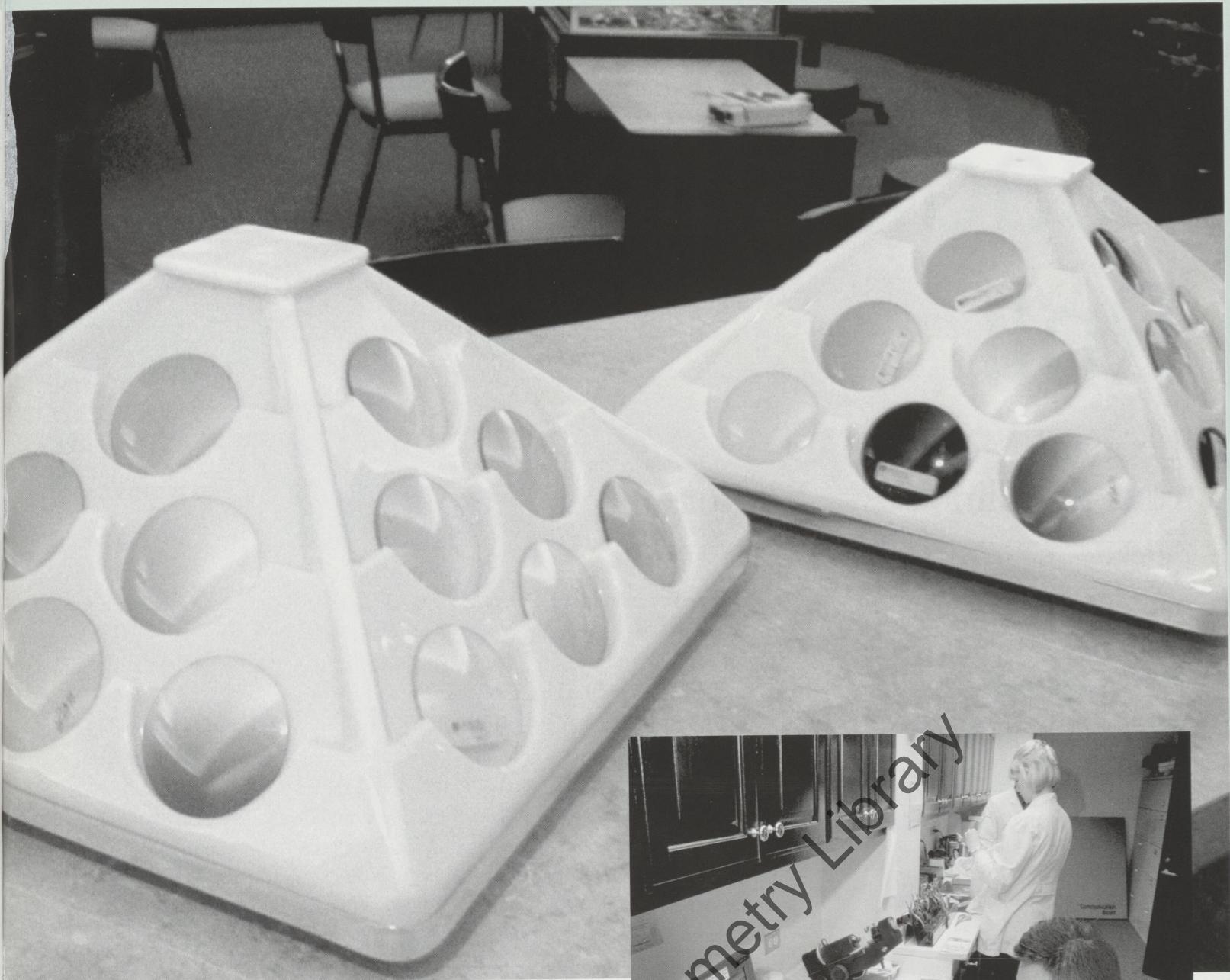
The Outreach

Messner's other priorities include increased emphasis on outreach programs at IEI. With Eileen Gable, OD, Medical Director of Charitable Services, heading the effort, IEI's commitment to the underserved has taken new dimensions. A turning point came in 2001, when more than \$350,000 was given for the Vision of Hope program to provide eye care to

uninsured patients at IEI. Since then, services have proliferated, with programs for children, seniors and the visually impaired currently in place. And the VOH program itself has grown, joining forces with community health centers to become the Vision of Hope Health Alliance in 2003.

According to Taylor, who provides pediatric low vision services at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired under a Lions Foundation of Illinois grant, "The clinic keeps growing as a good community service. We can serve the entire range, from infants to people over 100."

The Eye Institute can also increasingly serve as a conduit for people who need eye surgery. A partnership with the University of Chicago not only facilitates referrals between the two institutions, but offers research and clinical opportunities for faculty, students and residents.



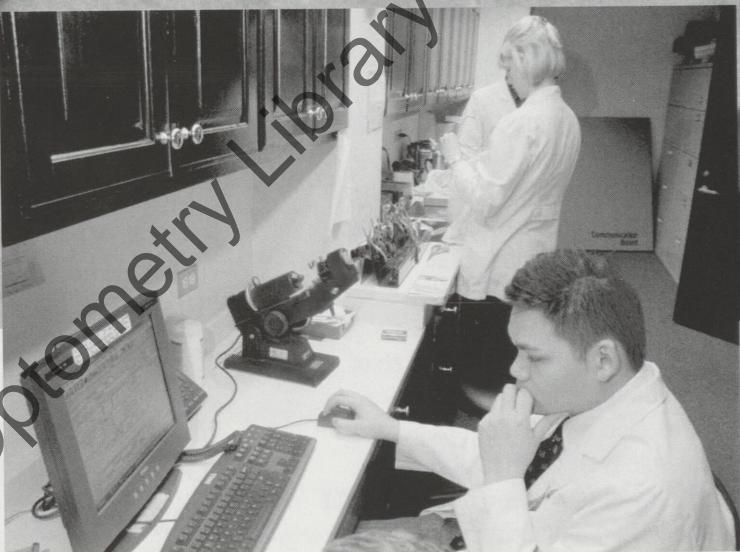
Behind the scenes at the Fait Family Eyewear Center

Valerie Kattouf, OD '95, is IEI's Medical Director of the University of Chicago Clinics. She spends one day a week in the U of C's pediatric specialty unit and works to facilitate interdisciplinary clinical opportunities. She is also lead investigator for IEI's Pediatric Outreach Program (see stories on pp. 14 and 15).

All along, members of both the ICO and U of C communities have been excited about the partnership. Plans for furthering it through research and clinical programs continue to be developed.

The Future

Plans for marketing the Eye Institute also continue to be discussed. Messner has launched a broad internal marketing program geared toward enhancing patient relations, and last fall he appointed Vince Brandys, OD '90, to serve as Director of

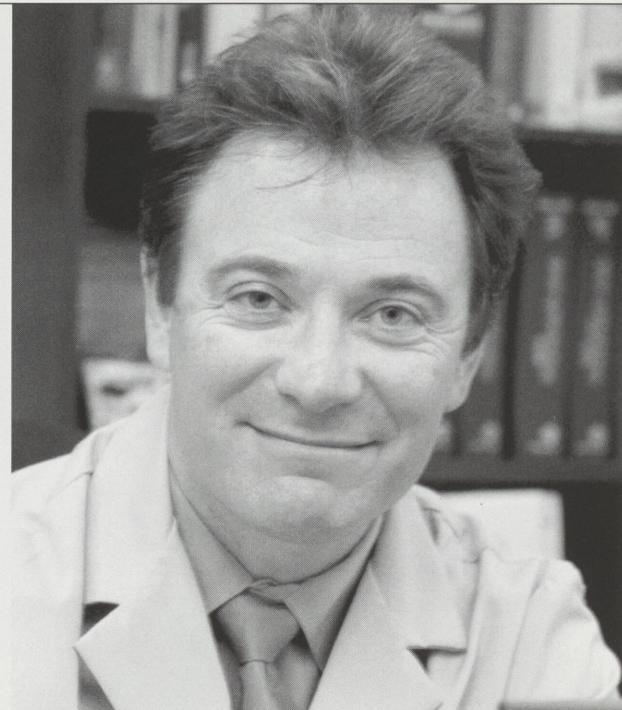


Professional Relations. Brandys's job is to keep local and regional practitioners informed about the resources and initiatives at the Illinois Eye Institute.

That's because those resources and initiatives continue to grow. Messner wants IEI to "be a center of excellence, a point of referral for optometrists and other physicians," he says, "but also a first-rate primary eyecare clinic. Our challenge is to balance the nuts and bolts with the high-tech. But, I'm lucky, there are really great people working here who are up for the job." ♦

Leadership Roll

**Leonard Messner, OD,
runs the Illinois Eye Institute**



Messner creates scholarship in honor of Lawrence Gray

Leonard Messner, OD, has established a scholarship fund at the Illinois College of Optometry in honor of his mentor and friend, Lawrence G. Gray, OD, who died last year.

Messner met Gray at the Eye Institute of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, where Gray was chief of neuro-ophthalmic disease services. He was also an adjunct professor of neurology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and taught the neuro-ophthalmics course along with Messner at ICO.

"It's with respect and gratitude for Larry Gray that we name this scholarship," Messner says. "He was a great friend, clinician and teacher. I miss him tremendously."

To contribute to the Lawrence G. Gray Scholarship fund, contact Felicia Filbin at (312) 949-7071 or FFilbin@eyecare.ico.edu.

He may be the man behind the big desk, but Leonard Messner, OD, is really a man of the people. Ask the Vice President for Patient Care Services at the Illinois Eye Institute about running his multi-million dollar, 200-plus staff operation and he generally passes credit to his team: "Everybody does the work here," Messner says.

And when he talks about projects at IEI, he is most enthusiastic about the ones that reach outside the walls of the clinic and into the community. "I think our work with community health centers through the Vision of Hope Health Alliance is the most exciting thing at the Eye Institute right now," he says. These partnerships help IEI coordinate eye and medical care to serve underserved populations.

Indeed, Messner's overall orientation is to serve patients. "We want to make the patient experience as positive and satisfying as possible," he says. "Our continued collaboration with the University of Chicago's Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences and other medical partners allows for a comprehensive model of eyecare delivery within the clinic."

In his early days as an optometrist, Messner says he envisioned a quiet private practice on the East Coast, where he and his wife, Stephanie, Chair for Post-Graduate and IEI-based Education at ICO, grew up and earned their degrees at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1984.

Instead he and Stephanie headed to Chicago in 1985, after completing residencies at PCO's Eye Institute. Far from private practice, Messner runs one of the largest clinical eye care training operations in the Chicago metropolitan area. The Eye Institute is the single largest provider of primary eyecare services in the state.

Messner has had good guidance. A protégé of Lawrence G. Gray, OD, chief of neuro-ophthalmic disease services at the Eye Institute at PCO and co-director of the neuro-ophthalmic diseases at Hahnemann University, Messner pursued vitreoretinal diseases and neuro-ophthalmic disorders as a specialty. He considers Gray a mentor, and says he may have learned most from him about how to relate to patients (see sidebar).

He learned about leading the Eye Institute from Charles Mullen, OD, former president of ICO, who Messner is still close to. Together they fashioned the future of the clinic back in the late 1990s, and Messner has been manning the helm as IEI has burgeoned ever since.

"This is a great place to work," he says. "We just have extraordinary people here." ♦

A Great Return

When Valerie Kattouf accepted a job at her alma mater, she treated it like she treats her pediatric patients: like something she could help grow.



Two days a week you can find Valerie Kattouf, OD '95, Associate Professor of Optometry at the Illinois Eye Institute, seeing both pediatric and adult patients. But not on Tuesdays — that's the day she spends conducting eye exams for children at preschools throughout the city. Kattouf is principle investigator of ICO's Pediatric Outreach Program. And she's not at IEI on Wednesdays, because that's the day Kattouf, who is also the Medical Director of the University of Chicago Clinics, spends at the U of C's pediatric specialty unit. All that's not to mention the classes she teaches to third-year students at ICO.

Kattouf enjoys her various responsibilities. She spearheaded the Pediatric Outreach Program at IEI, an initiative developed in response to the World Health Organization's efforts to eliminate preventable blindness by 2020, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2010: National Health and Disease Prevention Program. In it, Kattouf leads a team of doctors and fourth-year students, and works in partnership with early intervention programs throughout Chicago, to provide comprehensive vision care to high-risk children from birth to five years of age. (See student story on p. 15).

Her work at the University of Chicago stems from Kattouf's interest in co-management with pediatric ophthalmology, a field she began pursuing at Beth Israel Medical Center. After graduating from ICO, Kattouf did a residency and then accepted a position at the State University of New York (SUNY).

But it wasn't long before ICO came calling. In 1997, Kattouf was recruited to replace Dr. Susan Cotter, who was retiring. She was flattered and also a bit surprised. "At the time, it sounded crazy. I was so young and Dr. Cotter was my mentor," says Kattouf, who is now 35. "I wasn't sure that I could do it." But with encouragement from her father, Richard Kattouf, OD '72 and a member of the ICO Board of Trustees, Kattouf came back to her alma mater.

Now as a faculty member, Kattouf enjoys interacting with students. "I like being in the role of mentoring students," she says. "It's rewarding to help them find their way clinically or in their careers." ♦

— Ruth Carol

Third-year
Colleen Morrissey
enjoys her job
in the Pediatric
Outreach Program



Rewarding Work

Calming a crying kindergartner in the hallway. Watching a 7-month-old have an eye exam. Fitting a pair of glasses on a nursery school student.

As part of her work study program, third-year student, Colleen Morrissey, could be called upon to do any of the above activities on any given Tuesday.

That's the day Morrissey accompanies a handful of doctors and fourth-year students to a designated preschool in the city to conduct comprehensive eye exams on children, birth through 5 years of age.

As part of ICO's Pediatric Outreach Program, Morrissey works with preschools and various agencies, many of which are part of the Head Start Program designed to foster the healthy development of young children from low-income families. On an average day, the team sees 30 children; they stay at one preschool for approximately eight weeks. That gives them enough time to conduct the exams and prescribe, make or order glasses for those who need them. While some of the glasses are made at the Eye Institute, Morrissey explains, others have to go through Medicaid, which typically takes longer to process. Then she conducts follow-up sessions to fit the students with their glasses.

On Wednesdays, Morrissey collects program-related data and puts it into the computer. The data will eventually be presented as research posters at meetings of the American Academy of Optometry. An example of the information that emerges from the data is that approximately 20 percent of the children seen need glasses, highlighting the importance of including eye exams in the routine care these children should receive. Grants from VSP, Prince Charitable Trusts, and the Northern Trust Charitable Trust help support the program.

In the year that Morrissey has worked with the program, she has helped streamline the process. It used to take many months from the time the exams were given before some of the glasses were dispensed. That time frame was problematic because oftentimes the students had moved to another school. Now it's a much smoother process. "It's rewarding to see," she says.

Another reward of the position is the opportunity to be working with and around such young patients. "I would never have seen kids this young if I hadn't become involved with the program," she says. "I really enjoy the interaction with the kids." A native of Oak Lawn, Ill., Morrissey thinks that after graduating in May 2006, she would like to enter private practice, possibly specializing in pediatric eye care. ♦

— Ruth Carol

Class Notes

1948

Now in his 80s, **Seymour Konopken** is feeling nostalgic and would like to hear about his classmates, fraternity brethren, and school contemporaries, living or not. "If you're out there," Dr. Konopken says, "please contact me for old time's sake." You may reach him at this address: 882 East Riviera Place, Chandler, Ariz. 85249-6970.

1949

Clyde W. Benson, Jr., of Claremore, Okla., retired in 1982.

1950

Floyd E. Zastrow of Lodi, Calif., celebrated 55 years of practice this year. After earning his optometry degree, Dr. Zastrow started as a clinic instructor at Southern California College of Optometry. In 1953 he was appointed clinic director. He moved his family to Lodi in 1963. Dr. Zastrow works three days a week, plays golf three days a week, is active in his Lodi Lions Club, and travels to Italy every year.

1951

W.T. Bensman has been retired in Florida since 1983. After graduating from CCO, he opened his first office in Chicago, practicing at Stony Island Ave. and 63rd St. for four years. In 1957, Dr. Bensman opened an office in Harvey, Ill., and 10 years later, an office in Crete, Ill. followed. He writes, "It is wonderful to see the growth ICO has made over the years."

Nathan Hoffman of Santa Clarita, Calif., retired in 2002 after 51 years of practice. He now works as a vacation fill-in doctor.

1966

Theodore B. Walton of Oxford, Mich., won the 2003-04 Lifetime Achievement Award of the Michigan Optometric Association. Past president of the association, Dr. Walton also is a previous winner of the association's Optometrist of the Year, Keyperson and Legislative Achievement awards. He is a current member and former chair of the Michigan State Board of Examiners in Optometry. He and his wife have been active in recent years in "Opening Eyes," a program that provides screening for athletes competing in the summer games of the Michigan Special Olympics at Central Michigan University. Dr. Walton maintains a private practice in Oxford with Dr. Elizabeth M. Becker.

1968

Derald Taylor of Mokena, Ill., has been honored by the American Optometric Association for 40 years of membership. In addition to working at ICO, Dr. Taylor is a Diplomate in the Low Vision Section of the American Academy of Optometry, and for 18 years he served on the Advisory Council of the Illinois School for Visually Impaired.

1976

Tom Byers is with the U.S. Army at FOB (forward operating base) Speicher near Tikrit, Iraq. He writes that, "We have an eye clinic up and running complete with an optical fabrication unit."

Janice Scharre, Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs at ICO, was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE). At

ICO, Dr. Scharre has led three successful visits by ACOE.

1977

In February, **Gary DeVries** and **Dale Kaney** went on their eighth mission to provide vision care through World Gospel Outreach in Honduras. They first worked together with WGO in 1997, after not having seen each other since they graduated from ICO 20 years prior. Their WGO medical/evangelism brigade examines hundreds of patients for vision, dental, and medical needs, and then speaks with each patient in Christian ministry.

Through the years, other members of the ICO class of 1977 have joined Drs. DeVries and Kaney, including **Dave Kjelland**, **Jim Sherry**, **Dave Kincaid**, **Bob Jones**, and **Ken Knox**. "It's the most fulfilling expression of why the Lord called me to be an optometrist," says DeVries. "You never return home the same."

Now the doctors hope to organize a trip comprised of five or six 1977 classmates. Anyone who feels called to join is encouraged to contact either Dr. DeVries or Dr. Kaney. The next mission is scheduled for Feb. 11 - 18, 2006.

1980

Ron Roelfs was elected to his second two-year term as Program Director to the Heart of America Contact Society. Dr. Roelfs is in private practice in Waverly, Iowa.



Cathy (Cochran) Upham, of Golden Valley, Minn., has been in practice at NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center

(formerly Pilot City) for 15 years. She sees Hispanic, Hmong, Somali, and West African patients in her inner-city, multi-disciplinary clinic, many of whom have diabetes and/or glaucoma. "One of my most rewarding experiences," she says, "was working — with my whole family — with Mercy Ships in El Salvador for seven weeks. It was a great way to serve with my optometric training." Dr. Upham has three children: a 16-year-old daughter, and two sons, ages 12 and 14.

1981

R. Peter Tencza of New Albany, Ohio, and his wife, Becky, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year. Their oldest daughter, Amanda, is a first-year medical student at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University.

1981

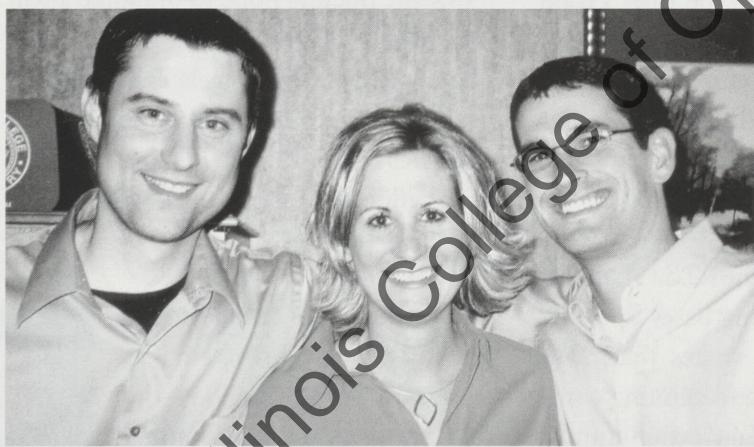
Carol Marusich has been named President Elect of the Great Western Council of Optometry. Dr. Marusich practices in Eugene, Ore.

1983

Jeff Peters of Colorado just completed 14 months of service as an optometrist in Iraq.

1987

Mark Jacquot is currently residing in Loveland, Ohio, where he is Associate Vice President of Optometric Relations for Luxottica. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons, Alex, 8, and Matthew, 6.



The ICO hospitality suite at the Iowa Optometric Association convention this spring was such a hit it went on for five hours on Saturday night! Current students, convention attendees, pre-optometry students from Iowa State and alumni (above) attended the event.

1991

Ben B. Donald III of Carthage, Texas, is celebrating 10 years in private practice with his wife, Susan Giroux (ICO staff in 1991 and 1992). They and their daughters Erin, 9, and Emily, 8, enjoy raising cattle and miniature horses for 4-H.

1992

Mark K. Colip, ICO's Vice President for Student Affairs, and his wife, Janny, welcomed their fourth child, Amanda Rose Colip, on January 7, 2005.

1995

Darren J. Wright was awarded the NOA Young Optometrist of the Year Award in 2004. He has been a member of the Nebraska Optometric Association since 1995. Dr. Wright and his wife have 3 children (6, 4 and 5 months). He writes, "My priority is my family. We enjoy camping, biking, hiking, walking, old home renovating and zoo visits. I make sure that I balance service to others with attention to them. That can be a true challenge!"

1997

Jeff D. Johnson is celebrating the birth of his first child, Daisy Jane, born Nov. 8, 2004. Dr. Johnson is an optometrist at the Refractive Surgery Service of the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary.

Daniel Phillips of Huntington Woods, Mich., is in private practice in Southgate, Mich., with his father, Dr. Will Phillips. He was given the Keyperson Award from the Michigan Optometric Association in 2004.



2000

Suzanne Rake Farenczhalmy of Alexandria, Va., was married in March. She practices at the White House and at the U. S. Air Force at Anderson Air Force Base. Dr. Farenczhalmy is a member of the Armed Forces Optometric Society.

Elizabeth Claire Hahn was born to **Mark and Michelle Hahn** of Pekin, Ill., on August 26, 2004.

Compiled by Susan Soric

Obituaries

1920

E.D. Newman has passed away.

1929

Clayton S. Wagner passed away in 2001.

1933

A.B. Clark, of Visalia, Calif., passed away in 1995.

1937

Kenneth E. Kintner died Nov. 5, 2004. He was a 1968 recipient of the Indiana Optometric Association's Optometrist of the Year Award.

1938

Cora Mae Mandt Todd died Sept. 10, 2004.

1939

Earl B. Propp of Bradenton, Fla., died Aug. 19, 2004.

1940

Samuel L. Safier of Youngstown, Ohio, died Oct. 7, 2003, from Parkinson's Disease. Dr. Safier practiced for more than 50 years in Youngstown, where he was a member of the American Optometric Association and the Ohio Vision Foundation. He served as a fellow of the International College of Ocular Science and the Eye Research Foundation and was a member of the Contact Lens Manufacturing Association. Survivors include his wife, Grace, two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

Henry Wolfe died May 3, 2004.

1943

Eugene Cutler of Highland Park, Ill., died in October of 2004. Dr. Cutler worked at Chicago Cornea Consultants. He was 88. Survivors include his wife, Miriam, and two sons.

Mark L. McKeeby died July 24, 2004.

Dr. McKeeby retired from active practice in 1978 in Fairbault, Minn., and moved to Greene Valley, Ariz., in 1983.

1945

H.R. Williams has passed away.

1946

Arthur Leonard Lindblad died Nov. 2, 2004, at his home in Marietta, Ga. He was born in 1910 in St. Paul, Minn., and moved to Alton, Ill., in 1930. Dr. Lindblad opened his first optometry office in Alton in 1933, and later opened offices in several other places in Illinois, including Granite City, East St. Louis, and Chicago Heights. He retired in 1986 and moved to Marietta, Ga. Survivors include a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1947

Vernon L. Dixon died Aug. 29, 2004.

Wilfred E. Goldblum died Aug. 19, 2004.

Kenneth Myers has passed away.

Donald Wolfe died June 27, 2004.

1948

Joseph Woodrow Duket of Tampa, Fla., died Feb. 16, 2005. He was 89. Dr. Duket retired from practice in 1995, after a 50-year career. Before going on to become an optician and optometrist, Dr. Duket earned a degree in Christian Ministry at David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tenn. He became a lay minister for the Church of Christ in Chicago and went on to graduate from Northern Illinois College of Optometry. When he was drafted for WWII, Dr. Duket refused to carry a weapon. He was placed at the Norden bombsight, a federal lab used in air attacks during the war, including atomic bomb missions against Japan's

Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His work earned him the Army-Navy E for Excellence in Wartime Production award. Dr. Duket was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Opal.

Laurence Fisher of Painesville, Ohio, died Aug. 25, 2004. A 1946 graduate of Yale University, Dr. Fisher, 79, practiced optometry in the Ashtabula, Ohio, area after earning his optometry degree. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ashtabula, and served as a Navy officer in the Atlantic during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Bess, a son, a daughter, six grandchildren, and a brother.

Thomas John Klaers of Willmar, Minn., died Dec. 29, 2003.

Calvin H. Koedyker of Muskegon, Mich., formerly of South Holland, Ill., died March 27, 2004, in Muskegon.

Christian Mack has passed away.

Merle Pearle died in February 2005.

Merrill B. Ross died Jan. 29, 2004.

Richard L. Snyder died Jan. 6, 2004.

Irving Sonner died April 8, 2002.

Ben S. Sulceski of New Lenox, Ill., has passed away.

1949

Cyril Nierman died in February of a heart attack. He was 80. Known as the team optometrist for the Chicago White Sox, Dr. Nierman is reportedly the doctor who prescribed the large glasses that became the signature item for Hall of Fame broadcaster Harry Caray. He practiced optometry for more than 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, and a son.

Philip Leighton Olin died Aug. 31, 2004.

Sydney Perlman, co-founder of the Illinois Chapter of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH-IL), died Dec. 31, 2004. He was 79. A native of Toronto, Dr. Perlman came to the United States in 1947 to pursue his degree in optometry. He organized 30 mission trips that provided free eye screenings and treatment to about 10,000 people in Poland, Switzerland, Colombia, and other developing countries. Through his affiliation with the Park Forest Lions Club, he also trained inmates of women's correctional facilities in Indiana how to read eyeglass prescriptions. Dr. Perlman was in private practice in Rosedale for 40 years and was the first optometrist to practice at South Chicago Community Hospital. He is survived his wife, Inez, and three daughters.

Joseph S. Shepherd died Oct. 25, 2003.

Herert N. Wassermann of Connecticut, died Jan. 4, 2004.

James E. Young died Dec. 4, 2004.

1950

Audren Bovenmeyer of Garwin, Iowa, died in 1999. Her husband, Max, died in February of 2003.

Marion Echelman, wife of the late Dr. Jules A. Echelman, died Sept. 21, 2004.

Edward J. Florek died March 29, 2004.

Max L. Magwire died Dec. 30, 2004, of a malignant brain tumor in Omaha, Neb. Dr. Magwire was 79. A native of northeast Nebraska, Dr. Magwire was raised on a farm and attended Doane College in Crete and Peru State College in Peru, Neb., before studying at Cornell

University in Ithaca, New York. After earning his degree at ICO, he began practice in Norfolk, Neb. in 1950, and stayed there until moving to Spencer in 1970. He was among the first in Nebraska to begin fitting patients with contact lenses, nearly 55 years ago. Survivors include his wife Len, two sons, two daughters, two stepsons, two brothers, a sister, and grandchildren.

Ami P. Majors of Aiken, S.C., died April 28, 2004. After serving in the Navy during WWII, Dr. Majors had a private practice in Aiken, where he had lived since 1951. He was a member of The First Presbyterian Church, the Aiken Rotary Club, and many other organizations. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Anderson Majors, a daughter, two sons, and three grandchildren.

Paul Moss died Oct. 27, 2004.

1953

Raymond B. Boyenga died in 2003.

H. A. (Herbert) Bugbee died Aug. 3, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Mona.

1954

William A. Granfield died Sept. 18, 2004, in Hampton Bays, N.Y., where he had lived since June 2004.

1955

James Q. Wilcox died Sept. 30, 2004.

1958

Duane Luedke died July 8, 2004.

Robert J. Pandiscio of Humble, Texas, died June 15, 2004.



Doris M. Stewart, ICO switchboard operator for 27 years, died on April 16, 2005. She is survived by her husband, John, three children and five grandchildren.

1960

David Atwood died April 27, 2002.

1966

John A Workman of Plano, Texas, died Sept. 13, 2004, of multiple myeloma.

1995

Kenneth S. Cosgrove, a native of Lansing, Mich., and an optometrist in Scottsdale, Ariz., died Feb. 16, 2005, in a skydiving accident in Arizona. He and his wife, Karen Thorpe Cosgrove, first met while attending a skydiving event in San Carlos, Mexico. Dr. Cosgrove is survived by his wife and a daughter.

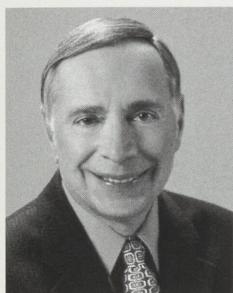
Welcome aboard!

New Trustees bring diverse areas of expertise to the Board

Over the past couple of years, ICO's Board of Trustees has appointed four new members to its ranks: Michael P. Stinziano, Christopher Zorich, Charles B. Quattrochi and Deepak Rao. Their backgrounds range from accounting to technology systems, insurance to professional football (and law).

"It is a pleasure to introduce these Trustees to our alumni," says Board of Trustees Chairman James Butler, OD '59. "New members bring fresh ideas and expertise to our board. We appreciate their contribution of time and talent, which strengthens the governing body of the Illinois College of Optometry."

ICO Matters is proud to introduce the newest members of our Board:

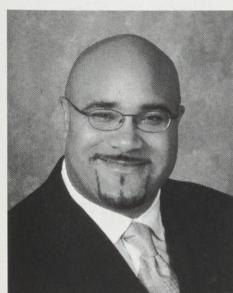


Michael P. Stinziano, PhD, WCP

Mike Stinziano is the Vice President of Benfield, a reinsurance and risk advisory company providing services to global customers. Stinziano specializes in government issues, particularly in reinsurance administration, terrorism risk insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

Since joining Benfield in 1997, Stinziano has worked with officials of the U. S. Treasury Department, governors, legislators, state workers' compensation fund officials, insurance commissioners and senior insurance department staff to develop and implement comprehensive reinsurance administration and workers' compensation programs, including government facility and underwriting pool administration; pool run-off; and reinsurance collection services.

He currently serves as Liaison for the State Government Affairs Council to the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

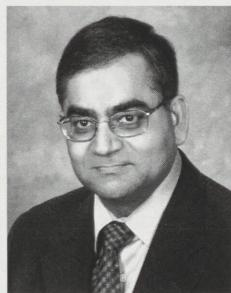


Christopher Zorich, JD

Christopher Zorich is President of Zorich Industries, Inc., Chairman of the Christopher Zorich Foundation and a member of the Chicago law firm, Schuyler, Roche & Zwirner. From 1991 to 1997, he played professional football for the Chicago Bears and the Washington Redskins.

Through Zorich Industries, Inc., a marketing and consulting firm, Zorich helps high school, college and professional athletes achieve success in their sport and in their professional lives. As Chairman of the Christopher Zorich

Foundation, he supports community service programs that have assisted more than 100,000 people.



Deepak Rao, MS

Deepak Rao, Business Productivity Group Manager for Microsoft's Midwest District, has 15 years experience providing software solutions to large enterprises. For Microsoft, he manages a highly specialized sales team offering computing solutions around the region.

Rao has also worked at Oracle, and has significant experience in high-tech and pharmaceutical manufacturing. He earned his BS in engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India, and an MS in industrial engineering from the University of Iowa.



Charles B. Quattrochi, CPA

Charles Quattrochi is a Financial Advisor for Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. the investment banking and advisory firm. In addition, he manages his own financial planning and accounting practice.

Quattrochi also has been a trust officer and financial consultant with Northern Trust Company. While there, he specialized in advising individuals on complex issues regarding investment, taxes, stock options, debt refinancing, insurance, estate planning, and budgeting. Prior to that, he spent seven years with a "Big Eight" accounting firm. While in public accounting, Quattrochi advised high-net-worth clients on tax and financial issues.

Helping Hands

ICO's annual Alumni Reunion couldn't happen without sponsorship support.

When Connie Pietrzak started her job as Director of Alumni Relations at the Illinois College of Optometry last year, Reunion 2004 was a week away. The planning of one of the Colleges major events was over; all Pietrzak could do was jump in and help with the festivities.

It was a great weekend, but not all fun. In addition to making alumni feel welcome and comfortable, planners juggle council meetings, receptions, dinners, speakers, awards, off-campus excursions and continuing education courses.

And they have to figure out how to pay for it all. The College kicks in half the money, but in order for the event to be as affordable as possible for alumni, the other half of the budget comes from fundraising.

That's why ICO is so grateful to its sponsors. Last year Alcon, a much-appreciated perennial supporter, came forward again as the exclusive educational sponsor of the event. USI Optometric underwrote the Reunion dinner, and Microsoft sprang for the programs. Additional gifts helped offset the cost of speakers and other programming (see sidebar).

"We couldn't do it without them," Pietrzak says. "As hard as we try to keep costs under control, we still need outside support."

Because the show must go on. Not only does Reunion help alumni stay connected to the school and their classmates, it offers CE and networking potential. "Reunion provides educational, professional and social opportu-

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nities," Pietrzak says. "I'd just like to say thank you to our sponsors for helping us pull it together." ♦



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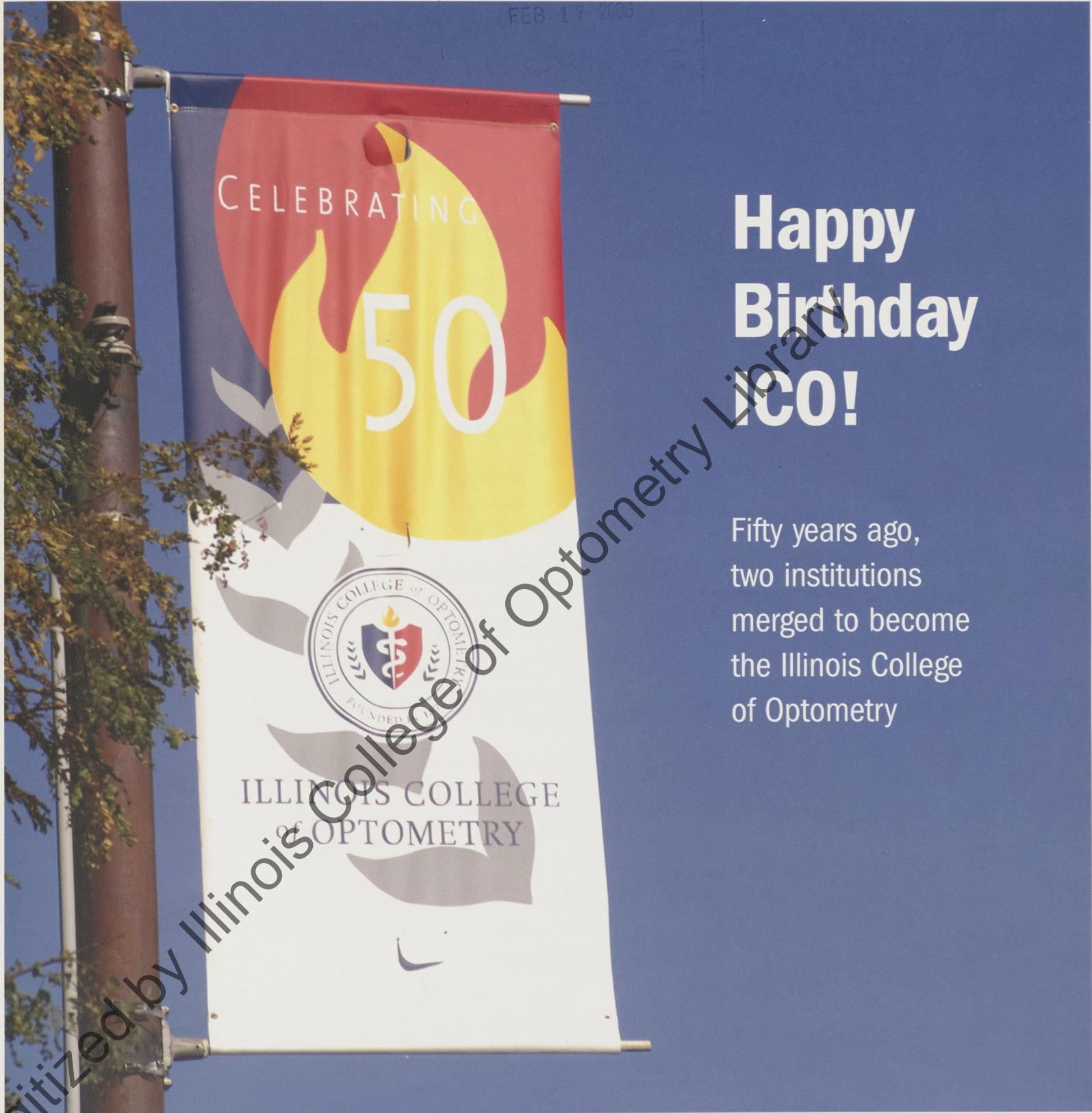
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MONDAY, NOV. 14

First day of winter quarter

SUNDAY, NOV. 20 THROUGH MONDAY, NOV. 21

16 hour Continuing Education Seminar
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THURSDAY, NOV. 24 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOV. 27

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DECEMBER 2005

SATURDAY, DEC. 5 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

NBEO exams
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SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Alumni Reception at Academy 2005
San Diego Marriott Hotel, CA

SUNDAY, DEC. 18 THROUGH SUNDAY, JAN. 1, 2006

Student holiday vacation

THURSDAY, DEC. 22 THROUGH MONDAY, DEC. 26

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JANUARY 2006

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

6 hour Continuing Education Seminar
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MONDAY, JAN. 16

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SUNDAY, JAN. 29

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FEBRUARY 2006

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

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Embassy Suites, Lombard, IL

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

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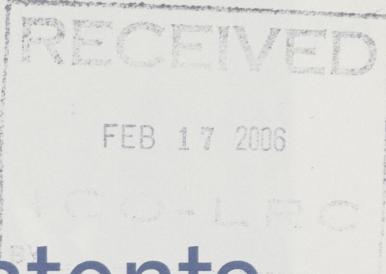


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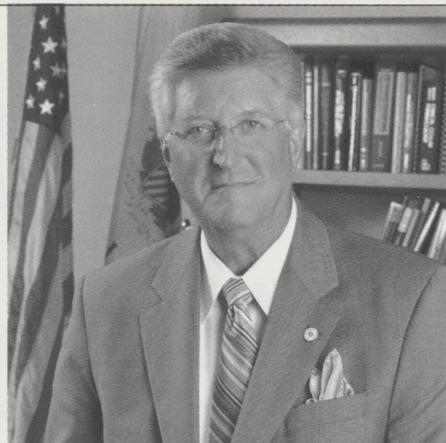
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A Message from the President

Over the last three years, I have had the privilege to serve as President of the Illinois College of Optometry. While we trace our origins to 1872, the institution we now call ICO emerged 50 years ago, the result of the merger of two prior institutions: the Northern Illinois College of Optometry and the Chicago College of Optometry. Please see the resolution, passed this summer, by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO), recognizing the spectacular contributions of our alumni, students, faculty and administration. They and their predecessors have added to the vitality of optometric education and to the historic achievements of the profession of optometry.

Many of you know I was part of The Ohio State University for 28 years, early in my professional career. That institution is often known more for its football than its optometry. In a recent issue of The Ohio State Alumni Magazine, I gravitated to an article about building better Buckeye Boosters. Administrators wanted to be sure Ohio State's supporters knew how to best help the university's athletic program. Since ICO does not field a football team, I didn't really think this article could help me in my role as ICO President.

But, when I took the OSU quiz entitled "Are You a Booster?", it struck me that with a very slight change of wording, the quiz could apply here. Please take the following quiz, modified for ICO:

Are You an ICO Booster?

The answer is yes, if you:

- Are or ever have been a member of an organization which supports optometry
- Have made any financial contributions to ICO
- Are or ever have been involved with the recruitment of a prospective student
- Provide or have helped arrange employment for ICO students or graduates
- Are the parent or legal guardian of an enrolled student
- Are or have ever been a Leadership Circle Member

ICO did not get to be the oldest college of its kind in North America without a good many Boosters. Thanks to you, this year ICO will celebrate its most recent 50 years in the venerable history of this 133-year-old institution.

Go Boosters!

Arol Augsburger, OD
President

Letters

Dear ICO Class of 2005,

I want to thank you for your class gift of \$2,683.21 to Low Vision Rehabilitation Service at The Chicago Lighthouse. Not many of our donors can say they really know how their gifts help us help people with low vision. You certainly can. I've had the pleasure of working with many of you at The Lighthouse during your training at ICO. If what you learned here at The Lighthouse helps you better serve people with low vision in your future practices, then you will have given us even more.

With gratitude,

John J. Rimkus, OD, FAAO
Director, Low Vision Rehabilitation Service

Survivor



A Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology diploma survives from the 19th century.

Cathie Ruth remembers the yellowed diploma tucked into the corner of the mirror on her grandmother's dresser. "It was faded and crumpled, but still in one piece," says Ruth.

By the time she saw the diploma again years later, it was in tatters. Sent to her in a box of her father's belongings after his death, the faded document set Cathie on a mission. "It took a bit of investigating to find out that it was my great-grandfather's 1896 diploma from the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology. I didn't even know my great-grandfather had lived in Chicago!"

Ruth ended up tracing NICOO to the Illinois College of Optometry. She contacted the school to learn more about her ancestor's alma mater. No other members of her family have been optometrists.



"That whole side of the family is from Missouri and Texas; I'm the only one who made it to the Midwest," says Ruth. "It's kind of fun knowing my great-grandfather was here, too. I guess all roads lead to Chicago." ♦

— Chryssa Atkinson

Dinner and a Show



Late summer at ICO included a Blindsight barbecue (left) followed by "Murder at the Prom," presented by the ICO Players (above). The event raised \$1,150 for the Gregg Steele Scholarship Award and the Gregg Steele Scholarship Endowment. To see all the pictures, go to the ICO Photo Gallery at www.ico.com.

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An Acuity Chart in a Coconut Tree

In the first week of February 2005, I had the awesome privilege of using optometric skills to serve the people of the Philippines. On a Sunday morning, I and other members of a medical missions team from Calvary Church in Naperville, Ill., departed for Manila on an adventure.

I had a wonderful experience working with the medically diverse team (surgeons to social workers, dentists to pharmacists, pediatricians to lab techs), under extraordinary conditions where the acuity chart was hung from a coconut tree. ♦

Our itinerary included two days of working side-by-side with the local Filipino ophthalmologist at Hope Hospital in Manila.

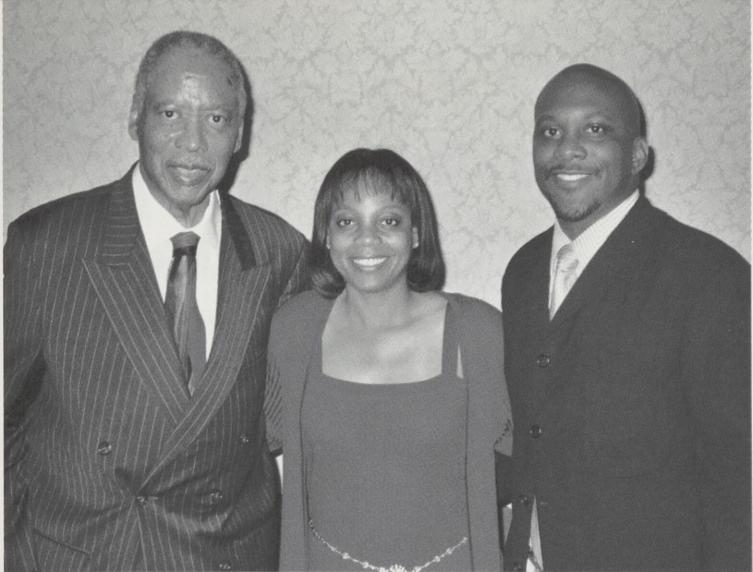
Dr. Eileen Gable, Director of Charitable Services, blends professional and personal in a week in Manila.



We spent a day in an open-air market doing street-side consultation and minor procedures, such as foreign body removal and epilation.



Our trip concluded with a day of primary care (dispensing glasses and medications) in a village schoolyard in a remote area ravaged by the December typhoon.



Congrats!

ICO shines at NOA convention.

For the second straight year, ICO's chapter of the National Optometric Student Association was voted "Chapter of the Year" among all optometry school NOSA chapters. Fourth-year student Jason Blowe, pictured above with ICO Trustee Millicent Knight, OD '87, and C. Clayton Powell, CCO '52, co-founder of the NOA, was inducted as the NOSA National President. He was also a recipient of the Cave Memorial Scholarship. Third-year student Joseph Pruitt was elected as the NOSA National Vice-President for 2006-2007. He is also president of ICO's NOSA Chapter this year. ♦

Welcome!



The Class of 2009 arrived on campus August 18, 2005.

Number of students:	155
Female/male ratio:	66% female/34% male
Percent minority:	34
Demographic distribution:	8 countries 6 Canadian provinces

Grad Stats



The Illinois College of Optometry held its 50th anniversary commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 21, at the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel. Eleven members of the Class of 2005 were children of ICO alumni. In all:

Number of graduates:	138
Female/male ratio:	68% female/32% male
Percent of high honors graduates:	25
Percent pursuing post-doctoral study:	14
Geographic distribution:	27 states 7 countries 5 Canadian Provinces

Learning Private Practice

ICO's Private Practice Clerkship course places students in the clinics of volunteer practitioners. Last year nine students found work as paid technicians, thanks to doctors willing to open their doors to the future. For more information about how you can participate in this program, call Dr. Geoffrey Goodfellow at (312) 949-7285.

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Bill Ernstein, OD '64	Brian Clark
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New Faces This Fall

ICO welcomes four new members to the faculty.



NAME: Barclay "Bic" W. Bakkum

POSITION: Associate Professor, BHS

DEGREE(S): DC, PhD
(in anatomy and cell biology)

What were you doing before you came to the Illinois College of Optometry?

I taught mostly gross anatomy, histology and embryology to chiropractic students at the National University of Health Sciences (formerly the National College of Chiropractic) in Lombard, Ill.

What are you doing at ICO?

I am teaching histology and neuroanatomy.

Where are you from originally?

I grew up in Manchester, Iowa. I got my undergraduate degree from Warburg College in Waverly, Iowa. I went on to get my chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. After getting my chiropractic license, I was in a busy multi-doctor chiropractic practice for four years in Charles City, Iowa. I decided I wanted to teach and do research, so I entered a Ph.D. program in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. After graduating I taught at NCC/NUHS for 16 years until coming to ICO.

How did you get involved with optometry?

I saw an ad for this teaching position.

What's your favorite thing about optometry?

Being able to help students learn what they need to know to help people in their practices is my favorite thing about health-care education.

What are your goals as a faculty member at ICO?

Do the best job I can at getting students prepared for practice is my primary goal. I also want to continue doing scholarly activity.

What are your first impressions as a faculty member at ICO?

I am overwhelmed by the gracious welcome that I have received since I arrived at ICO. I think it is going to be a great place to be.



NAME: Wendy J. Haaland

POSITION: Assistant Professor in Optometry

DEGREE(S): OD, '00 ICO; BS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

What were you doing before you came to the Illinois College of Optometry?

Working with an ophthalmologist in downtown Chicago, as well as working part-time at ICO.

What are you doing at ICO?

I am an attending faculty in the clinic precepting students.

Where are you from originally?

Yorkville, Ill., a western suburb of Chicago.

How did you get involved with optometry?

It runs in the family — my sister and brother-in-law are also optometrists.

What's your favorite thing about optometry?

Talking to patients — I've learned a lot about different cultures and ways-of-life from my patients.

What are your goals as a faculty member at ICO?

To produce confident, overly-capable new optometrists.

What are your first impressions as a faculty member at ICO?

There's such a sense of community between the faculty, students and staff.



NAME: Andrea L. McCann

POSITION: Instructor of Optometry

DEGREE(S): HBSc, 1996, University of Guelph; OD, '04 ICO; Primary Care Residency, 2005, ICO

What were you doing before you came to the Illinois College of Optometry?

I was working as a research chemist in a forensic science laboratory in Calgary, Alberta, and taught science, math and computers at the local college.

What are you doing at ICO?

I am working with third- and fourth-year students in clinic, helping enhance their clinical skills and decision-making as they examine patients.

Where are you from originally?

Cambridge, Ontario (Canada)

How did you get involved with optometry?

I was actually on the road to a Masters/PhD in Analytical Chemistry when I realized that although I loved the challenges of research, there were a number of things missing. As I began to investigate other options, I remembered meeting an optometrist during a Women In Science luncheon at university and decided to look further into optometry as a career for myself. I found optometry offered many of the aspects I enjoyed from my research — continuous learning, daily challenges, the opportunity to teach — but has the added benefit of potentially owning my own business and dealing with new people every day.

What's your favorite thing about optometry?

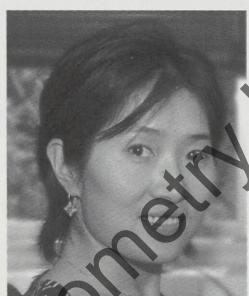
The people, whether it's the incredible faculty, staff and students I work with at ICO or the patients I meet in my exam chair. Every day is different. I enjoy the daily variety and challenging cases.

What are your goals as a faculty member at ICO?

To make a difference in the students' education. I want them to walk away from every clinic session having learned something. It's exciting for me to watch their enthusiasm when they see something for the first time and want to learn more.

What are your first impressions as a faculty member at ICO?

It feels like a large family. Every member of the faculty and staff has something unique to contribute to the group, which makes ICO what it is today. It's a pretty incredible place to work, and I feel very fortunate to be a part of it.



NAME: Vi Pang

POSITION: Assistant Professor

DEGREE(S): PhD, OD

What were you doing before you came to the Illinois College of Optometry?

I was an optometry student at the New England College of Optometry.

What are you doing at ICO?

Clinic and research

Where are you from originally?

China

How did you get involved with optometry?

I love eye care.

What's your favorite thing about optometry?

Helping patients see.

What are your goals as a faculty member at ICO?

To help build up the reputation, make an even better future for ICO and accomplish my career goals.

What are your first impressions as a faculty member at ICO?

People are very nice here. ♦

Good Times

A grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation brings out the bubbly at the Illinois Eye Institute.

A celebration was in order last summer after ICO learned it had received a \$500,000 matching grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support the Vision of Hope Health Alliance at the Illinois Eye Institute. One of the most competitive national programs of the Foundation, the Local Initiative Funding Partners made awards to only six percent of 295 applications in 2005. The ICO grant was the only Local Initiative award made in Illinois or to a school of optometry this year.

VOHHA is a community service program that provides comprehensive eye care to uninsured, low-income adults in Chicago. Many of these patients also suffer from underlying diseases that contribute to their eye problems. The Alliance helps to connect these patients to primary healthcare providers.

Such significant support from one of the most important funders of healthcare initiatives highlights this approach as a national model. By supporting ICO, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and local funding partners such as Washington Square Health Foundation recognize the difference optometry can make in primary care delivery, and in promoting the promise of coordinated service to the needy.

Cheers! ♦



Dr. Arol Augsburger, President of ICO, leads the festivities with a toast.



From left: Dr. William N. Werner, Mr. Howard Nochumson, and Ms. Catherine Baginski of the Washington Square Health Foundation with the plaque of appreciation presented by ICO.



Mr. Salim Al Nurridin of the Healthcare Consortium of Illinois, presenting on behalf of State Rep. Mattie Hunter.



From left: Mr. Leonard McGee of the GAP Community Organization, Dr. Arol Augsburger, and Dr. Daniel Winship, Chief, Cook County Bureau of Health Services.

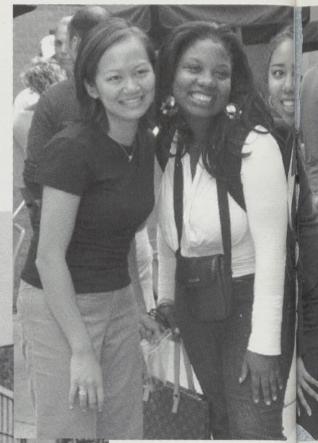
Happy Birthday ICO!

Fifty years ago, two institutions merged to become the Illinois College of Optometry



We always say this College was founded in 1872, but that can be confusing. The College that opened in 1872 was the Chicago College of Ophthalmology and Otology. One of many post-graduate medical programs in Chicago at the time, CCOO specialized in "eye and ear care as well as refraction."

A success, the enterprise grew. By 1891, under the helm of Dr. James McFatrich, its name was changed to the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology. Its motto: "Practical Scientific Methods of Fitting Spectacles and Eyeglasses Taught by a Capable Faculty." Its tagline: "Largest and Best Equipped in the World."



NICOO was originally established to educate post-graduate medical students and doctors, but by 1898 it was admitting non-medical candidates who had some knowledge and experience. Tuition was \$25. A Doctor of Optics degree was conferred after a four-week attendance course or a six-week correspondence course. Women were members of the student body.

NICOO became Northern Illinois College of Optometry in 1926, after being purchased in 1922 by William Bray Needles, a respected optometrist and educator who founded the Needles Institute of Optometry in Missouri. He established NICO at 42nd and Drexel, on Chicago's South Side, and built a 12,000 square-foot building to house it. The facility included a clinic that became one of the world's largest vision correction facilities.

The clinical experience for students became the hallmark of NICO's education, a legacy that endures today. A second legacy, begun during the Depression, matched students and

faculty with relief workers in Chicago. Agencies such as Cook County Bureau of Public Welfare, the Family Relief Association, the Veterans Bureau and Women's Municipal Home formed partnerships with NICO to serve the needy. Today, the Vision of Hope Health Alliance at the Illinois Eye Institute is a modern rendition of this 1930s effort. Providing care to residents in the area around the College has always been a clinical priority.

The Plot Thickens

A new school, Midwestern College of Optometry, opened in 1936 on Chicago's North Side. In 1937 it became the Monroe College of Optometry, and a decade later, in 1948, it changed its name again to the Chicago College of Optometry.

In the post-World War II era, the market for optometry schools was ripe. Veterans flocked to enroll, thanks to the federally funded GI Bill. NICO was overflowing, graduating

ICO DEMOGRAPHICS BY DECADE

	Male	Female	Total
Class of '55	112	3	115
Class of '65	71	1	72
Class of '75	101	3	104
Class of '85	105	26	131
Class of '95	66	85	151
Class of '05	44	94	138



three classes a year. Dr. Elvan Whiteleather remembers the time. A 1948 graduate of NICO, he had enrolled fresh from the Philippines. His class had 486 members. Because of the size of the student population, he and many others found housing with families in the area. Some Whiteleather's glasses were taught above a mortuary, others in churches.

CCO also enjoyed a post-war rush, with a graduating class of 480 in 1947. It made plans for a new building, including a clinic, on south Michigan Avenue near the Illinois Institute of Technology, the location of the Illinois Eye Institute today. Ground was broken in January 1954; students began classes in the new building the following fall.

The problem was there were only 66 new students; the surge of men on the GI Bill had ended. In what he said was "simple," Dr. Morton Abrams, president of CCO, called Dr. Richard Feinberg, president of NICO, and asked if he wanted to merge the two schools. "I didn't plan far ahead,"

Abrams later recalled. "I just thought it was the best thing for optometric education and for the profession."

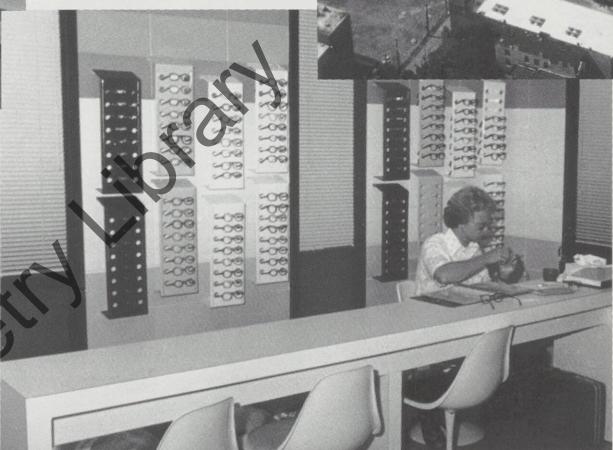
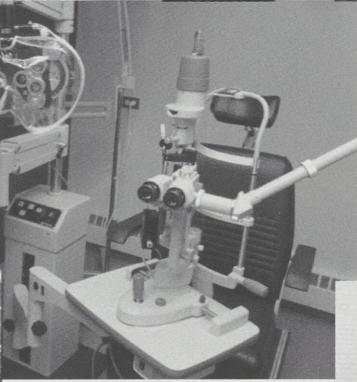
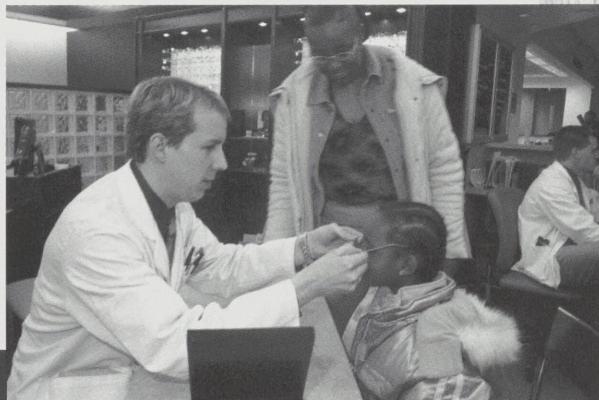
Both the Northern Illinois College of Optometry and the Chicago College of Optometry officially closed on June 9, 1955. On June 10, they opened as one: the Illinois College of Optometry.

Now what?

Fifty years later, ICO is still distinguished, as its predecessors were, by its integration of clinical education and service to the community. Just as the names of the Colleges often changed over the years, those goals have remained steady.

At the same time, according to C.K. Hill, NICO '49 and Emeritus Trustee, ICO has "changed tremendously." One look at the face of the student body and it's easy to see what he means.

Building on NICO's reputation for admitting minorities and CCO's precedent in appointing the first African-American



optometrist, Dr. Junius Broadnax, to an accredited college, ICO encourages diversity in its population. Third-year student and president of the Student Association, Shauna Lushko, describes it best: "My first year at ICO, my roommates were Korean, East Indian and Vietnamese. We learned a lot from each other — they taught me expressions in different languages and exposed me to different foods."

Lushko also points out that, "Thirty years ago, Dr. [Jan] Jurkus was the only woman in her class; my class is something like 66 percent women."

In addition to the face of the student body changing, so has the College's campus. Nine years after ICO opened in the building constructed for CCO, it added residential space (Brady Hall), a library, classroom, research laboratory and offices.

Then, in 1985, with smaller construction projects in the meantime, a 50,000-foot addition provided a new library, an auditorium, a lecture center, a courtyard, office space, a park-

ing garage, a fitness center, and clinic renovation. A new Residence Complex was constructed across the street on Indiana Avenue.

As the physical campus grew, so did the academic program. The curriculum evolved with the evolution of optometry, expanding to accommodate advances in technology and new legislation that enabled optometrists to dispense diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents. According to Joseph Henry, DDS, and Emeritus Trustee, "We had lots of opportunities to try things that weren't being done at other places."

Today students take a four-year "Reality Curriculum" designed to expose them to clinical practice as early in the program as possible. "It's hard," Lushko says of the curriculum. In addition to the clinic, students take rigorous didactic courses and spend hours in the laboratory. "Some people say ICO is a weed-out school," she says. "It isn't true, it's just not for everybody."



According to Frederick Kushner, NICO '46, Emeritus Trustee and former Dean of NICO, it has always been difficult to get into ICO. "It's very competitive," he says. "Only the best make it. The quality of the education is the best."

After his service as Dean, Kushner was named President of ICO's Alumni Association. He traveled monthly on behalf of the College, giving lectures and recruiting students. He organized a successful enrollment drive, asking alumni to help recruit and to support the college. He was joined in his efforts by C.K. Hill, who converted a room in his home into an ICO alumni office.

Alumni activity on behalf of the College and in the profession of optometry has been strong for more than just ICO's 50 years. In fact, optometrists associated with ICO or one of its predecessors have helped change the course of the profession. From the development of Murine eye drops, to the 1931 textbook *Physiology*, to the passage of DPA and TPA legislation,

Student/Teacher

ICO alumni head back to optometry school as teachers.

The Illinois College of Optometry could have a new designation: teacher of teachers. *ICO Matters* did a search for alumni who can not only call themselves doctor, but also professor. Look at the list below to see alumni who are on the faculties of optometry schools across the nation. If we missed your appointment, please send us an update and we will include it in the next Class Notes section of the magazine.

Alabama - Birmingham School of Optometry

Dr. John Amos, Dean
Dr. Katherine Niemann-Weise, Associate Professor
Dr. Robert Rutstein, Professor

California - Berkeley School of Optometry

Dr. Bruce Onofrey, Affiliated Off-campus Faculty

Southern California College of Optometry

Dr. Susan Cotter, Professor
Dr. Soonsi Kwon, Assistant Professor
Dr. Andrew Pilon, Assistant Professor
Dr. William Ridder, Professor
Dr. Michael Rouse, Professor
Dr. Sunny Sanders, Assistant Professor
Dr. Julie Schornack, Assistant Professor

Nova Southeastern College of Optometry

Dr. Joseph Pizzimenti, Associate Professor
Dr. Linda Rouse, Assistant Professor
Dr. Morton Silverman, Professor

New England College of Optometry

Dr. Terrence Knisely, Associate Professor

Michigan College of Optometry - Ferris State University

Dr. Michael Cron, Professor
Dr. Blas Mamari, Adjunct Faculty
Dr. Renee Mika, Assistant Professor
Dr. Frederick Nista, Professor

Missouri - St. Louis College of Optometry

Dr. Edward Jarka, Assistant Professor
Dr. Timothy Wingert, Associate Professor
Dr. James DeClue, Professor

SUNY State College of Optometry

Dr. Sidney Groffman, Professor
Dr. Joseph Viviano, Professor

Ohio State College of Optometry

Dr. Michael Giese, Associate Professor

Pennsylvania College of Optometry

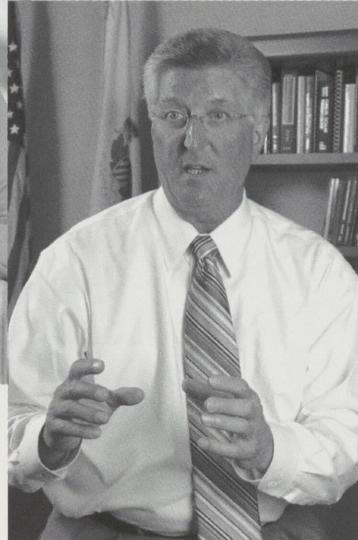
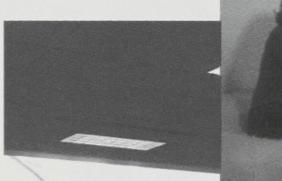
Dr. Andrew Buzzelli, Associate Professor
Dr. James Chapman, Adjunct Professor
Dr. Richard Noyes, Adjunct Professor
Dr. Rebecca Sterner, Adjunct Professor
Dr. John Whitener, Adjunct Professor

Southern College of Optometry

Dr. Kristin Anderson, Assistant Professor
Dr. Jennifer Bulmann, Assistant Professor
Dr. Thomas Landgraf, Associate Professor
Dr. Christopher Lievens, Assistant Professor
Dr. Ralph Parkansky, Associate Professor

University of Houston College of Optometry

Dr. Katrina Parker, Assistant Professor
Dr. Anastas Pass, Professor



members of the ICO community have been active in advancing optometry. "ICO has really changed the face of optometry," says Dr. Arol Augsburger, President of ICO.

Augsburger says the next advance optometry will see will be, "more integration of optometry in treatment, schools and healthcare institutions. The grant we got from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for VOHHA takes that one step closer [see story on p. 9]. Integrated health care is the future. Services like optometry, dentistry and podiatry will be available under one roof."

But, Augsburger says, that could take a while. "In the near future," he says, "we will address the pre-clinic labs. They're adequate, but they look like they did 20 years ago. We need to update them and further integrate technology."

Shauna Lushko thinks ICO is on the right track. "I think the College is working to improve, working to make things as good as possible," she says. "People coming out of ICO are coming out at the cutting edge."

Here's to the next 50 years, ICO! Like C.K. Hill, says, "We just keep getting better!"



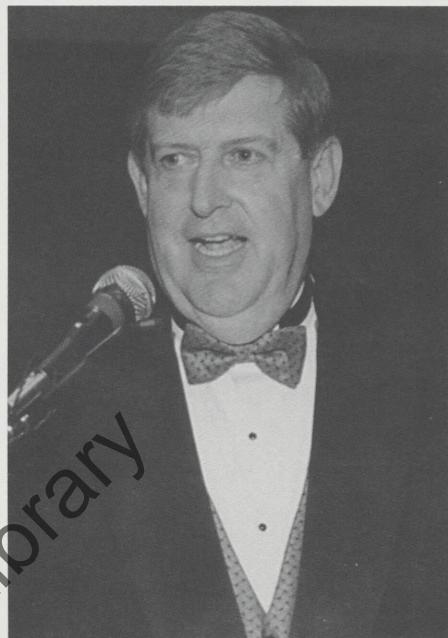
Looking Good

The face of ICO gets a lift

Marking the 50th anniversary of its establishment as the Illinois College of Optometry, ICO and the Illinois Eye Institute have given their public image a makeover. Our new look combines the forward thinking and traditions of the College, while communicating the high quality for which ICO and IEI are nationally known. Spread the word; we not only ARE good, we look good too!



All members of the Board returned to Chicago in 1996 for the inauguration of former ICO President, Dr. Charles Mullen. L to R in group shot, Dr. Kushner, Dr. Hill, Dr. Henry; Below, Dr. Brandt.



Long-term Commitment

ICO benefits from emeriti trustees.

The Illinois College of Optometry is fortunate to have members of its Board of Trustees who have stayed past the usual 12-year tenure to become Trustee Emeritus. Over the years, four men — John E. Brandt, OD '67; Joseph L. Henry, DDS; C.K. Hill, NICO '49; and Frederick R. Kushner, NICO '46 — have been elected by the Trustees to serve this honorary, life-long term.

"It has been a privilege to serve with all four trustee emeriti on the ICO Board of Trustees and to witness their dedication to ICO," says Board Chairman, James Butler, OD '59. "The combined number of years they generously offered their time and expertise to advance the mission of the Illinois College of Optometry is remarkable and enhances the quality of education we offer today. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you Drs. Brandt, Henry, Hill and Kushner. You have set a standard of leadership for us all." ♦

John E. Brandt, OD '67

Emeritus Trustee since 2002
Chairman of the Board, 1995 to 1998

Joseph L. Henry, DDS

Emeritus Trustee since 2002
Chairman of the Board, 1982 to 1986

C.K. Hill, NICO '49

Emeritus Trustee since 1996
Chairman of the Board, 1978 to 1980

Frederick R. Kushner, NICO '46

Emeritus Trustee since 2000
Chairman of the Board, 1980 to 1982

Scott Jens leads the AOA's national InfantSEE™ campaign.



Seeing the Future

As Chair of the Project Team Committee for InfantSEE™, an initiative launched by the American Optometric Association in June 2005, Scott Jens, OD '91, just wants one thing: to prevent vision impairment among the four million babies born each year in the United States. Toward that end, Jens and his team have registered 7,000 optometrists with InfantSEE™ to help provide free, one-time eye and vision assessments for every baby before their first birthday.

Jens got involved with the project when it was conceived three years ago. "At a keynote speech during the annual AOA meeting in June 2002," Jens recounts, "former President Jimmy Carter challenged optometry to create an early intervention program to detect risk of kids' eye problems. It would be no cost to the government, parents or insurance." Two of President Carter's grandchildren have amblyopia that was not diagnosed until they reached school. The former president and his wife, Rosalyn, previously served as honorary co-chairs of Operation Bright Start, which provided free eye exams for infants in Tennessee and later expanded into a broader regional program.

Jens was named Chair of the InfantSEE™ team, which included Dr. W. David Sullins, Jr., who had pioneered Operation Bright Start in the 1990s. The team was charged with shaping the program and garnering support from optometrists in all 50 states.

Now that InfantSEE™ has launched to the public, Jens' team has begun to promote the advantages of the program. He has spoken on NBC's "Today Show" and other national media to raise awareness that early intervention can prevent many eye disorders and related problems in children's learning and development.

"We are educating parents and enlisting the support of pediatricians," Jens says. "An early exam by an eye professional should complement the base-level eye screenings that have been offered for years." Although AOA guidelines recom-

mend a baby's first eye exam around six months, many parents rely on in-school vision screenings at as late as five to seven years old as their child's first eye evaluation — simply because they don't know any better.

"For at-risk infants, we can intervene in the early years before many eye problems become permanent," Jens says. His leadership in InfantSEE™ seems natural; he earlier helped the Wisconsin Optometric Association create a free eyecare clinic for low-income children in Milwaukee.

In addition to his volunteer role with InfantSEE™, Jens remains active in private practice. He and two partner optometrists own and operate Isthmus Eye Care, S.C., which provides full-scope optometry services for adults and children. With two locations in the Madison, Wis., area, the practice offers primary eye healthcare management, treatment of eye disorders, limited minor surgical procedures and co-management of surgical cases.

Jens' personal time is divided between coaching youth sports and participating in the local school district, the Lions Club, the Wisconsin Optometric Association (of which he was president) and other local activities.

He looks back fondly at his years as a student at ICO. "When I was at ICO in the late 1980s," he recalls, "growth at the College was paralleling the growth of our optometry profession." As the field of optometry was expanding from a vision-only focus to a broader-based profession of diagnosing and treating eye diseases, ICO also was expanding — with new facilities, a new library, broader curriculum and faculty that included experts in glaucoma, retina disorders and more. "It was an exciting time to be at ICO. Today I'm excited to be part of InfantSEE™. We are at the apex of a new era, where parents will get professional eye care for their infants and children because it's been shown to be the right thing to do." ♦

— Michelle Rapaport

ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 11-13, 2005

All Alumni are Invited!

Come celebrate with us! Alumni Reunion Weekend is filled with exciting opportunities to reconnect with your classmates, colleagues and alma mater during three days of social events and educational activities at ICO.

This year, ICO is also celebrating an anniversary — it has been 50 years since we have been named the Illinois College of Optometry. In 1955, after many historical changes and merges, your alma mater's name became what it is known as today — Illinois College of Optometry. We hope that you will join us in celebrating this milestone in our history.

Highlights of the weekend include:

Alumni Class Reunion Reception and Dinner - Friday

Celebrate with your classmates and friends at the InterContinental Chicago. Everyone may attend. Will your class have the best attendance?

Keynote Speaker Tommy Thompson - Saturday

You know him as the former governor of Wisconsin and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. A strong supporter of the optometric profession, he is one of the nation's leading advocates for the health and welfare of all Americans. He will be speaking on "Innovations in Health Care: What's Next?"



Continuing Education - Sunday

The renewal year is just around the corner...Join us for four hours of certified (TQ), COPE approved continuing education — free! Stay for the Lunch and Learn: Financial Strategies and Retirement Planning seminar following the CE.

Downtown Chicago — Each Day

Several events will be held at the InterContinental Chicago located at 505 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Room blocks are available at the InterContinental and Marriott hotels.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2005 Sponsored in part by USI Optometric

6:30 - 8:00 pm **Class Reunion Reception** - complimentary
(featuring the Northern Monroe Chicago Society, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000)
Toledo Room - InterContinental Chicago

8:00 - 10:00 pm **Class Reunion Dinner** - \$50.00 per person
Renaissance Room - InterContinental Chicago

10 pm - 12:00 am **Alumni Hospitality Suite** - complimentary
The celebration continues...
Living Room - InterContinental Chicago

Illinois College of Optometry Alumni Reunion Weekend · November 11-13, 2005 · REGISTRATION FORM

To RSVP, fax this form to 312-949-7683 or call Connie Pietrzak at 312-949-7080.

Name _____ Guest _____
Address _____ (Circle one: home/work) Class of _____
Phone _____ (Circle one: home/work) Email _____

I am registering for: (Check all that apply)

Friday, Class Reunion Reception Saturday, Student/Alumni Reception
 Friday, Class Reunion Dinner (\$50.00/person) Saturday, Alumni Awards/Tommy Thompson
attending \$ _____ total paid Sunday, Four Hours of Continuing Education
 Sunday, Lunch & Learn: Financial Strategies & Retirement Planning for the Optometrist

Please make checks payable to **Illinois College of Optometry** for the Class Reunion Dinner. Or charge by phone by calling **312-949-7080**.

For more information contact Connie Pietrzak, Director of Alumni Relations & Continuing Education, at 312-949-7080 or cpietzak@ico.edu.

Class Notes

1939

Joseph Rubenstein of Boca Raton, Fla., a graduate of NICO's accelerated program, has been enjoying his retirement since 1979. In 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served three-and-a-half years as an infantry combat rifleman, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge in December of 1944. Dr. Rubenstein was a recipient of the honorary D.O.S. degree from NICO. He practiced optometry for 34 years.

1945

Sherman Schultz, Jr., mourns the passing of his dear friend and classmate **Dr. Reva Quick**, with whom he maintained a correspondence for 60 years. Dr. Schultz welcomes feedback on Dr. Quick and her life and career, and would like to hear news from other classmates.

1949

Jerome K. Wohl of Belle Harbor, N.Y. and his wife Mildred, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in June of 2005. They have three sons (twins and an older brother) and seven grandchildren. In addition to private practice in Sheepshead Bay and Brooklyn, N.Y. for the past 40 years, he was an optometric consultant for the Manhattan Beach Air Force Base in Brooklyn, the U.S Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point Queens, and the New York Maritime College in the Bronx. He now practices two days a week, "just to keep the juices flowing." Dr. Wohl would like to hear from his classmates and fraternity brothers. He can be reached at wecu@netscape.com.

1950

Robert Q. Eastland retired after 53 years in practice as a specialist in vision therapy. After practicing for 13 years in Washington, Iowa, he moved to Pasadena, Calif., in 1964. He is the co-founder of the National Society of Vision and Perception Therapy, a precursor to the College of Optometric Visual Development (COVD). Dr. Eastland served as president of the Southeast Iowa Optometric Society in the 1950s, and as president of San Gabriel Optometric Society in 1978 and 1986. He has fond memories of NICO, including the Saturday mornings he and his visual therapy teacher Wally Yasko, who lived across the street from him, washed their cars together. He and Yasko met 35 years later at an ICO reunion and corresponded by phone and letters until Yasko's death in 2001.

1957

Ferd Metzger of Florence, Ky., reports he has retired four times so far but still fills in for his daughter, Julie, three or four days a month. He has 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Says Dr. Metzger, "What a wonderful life!"

1960

Kusoom Vadgama writes, "I had a most wonderful time during my one year at the College. If you go to www.ashafoundation.org and look under 'Inspirational Women,' you will see me."

1969

Robert P. Rutstein, professor of optometry, received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). The honor was presented by the university's president on April 29, 2005, during the Faculty Awards Convention. This is the second time Dr. Rutstein has received this award.

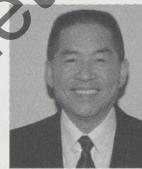
Arthur W. Brace recently sold his Wheaton practice, Danada Vision Center, to Chris Burch, OD '91. Dr. Brace is semi-retired and now practices two days per week.

1976

Janice Scharre, Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs at ICO, was recently recognized by *Vision Monday* as one of the "50 Most Influential Women" in the eyecare field. This was the third annual *Vision Monday* report saluting a new group of women leaders who "exhibit a passion for what they do and a commitment to their colleagues and customers."

1977

Thomas L. Lim received the American Optometric Association's "Political Action Committee Representative of the Year" award at the AOA's 2005 Congressional Conference, held in Washington, D.C. Dr. Lim was selected by his peers because of his commitment to the profession, serving as the Political Activities Coordinator for Santa Clara County for more than 25 years. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the California Optometric Association Political Action Committee. In 1980 Dr. Lim was named Young OD of the Year and in 1996 was named Optometrist of the Year by the Santa Clara County Optometric Society.



1978

Dominick M. Maino was presented with the William P. Ludlam, OD, and Diana P. Ludlam COVT Educators Award at the 14th annual meeting of Neuro Optometric Rehabilitation Association International (NORA), at the Palmer House in Chicago. The award is given to the individual, educator or institution that best exemplifies an outstanding commitment to educating students and serving patients with neuro-optometric rehabilitation needs. Dr. Maino is an internationally recognized expert in the area of

eye and vision care for those with developmental disability. A professor in the Pediatrics/Binocular Vision Service at ICO, he is also in private practice in Harwood Heights, Ill. He currently serves as the Director of the Developmental Disabilities Eye and Vision Care Service at the Victor C. Neumann Association.

1979

Tim Wingert is currently serving as the Past-President of the Missouri Optometric Association.

1980

James E. Bureman was recently named managing partner of Missouri Eye Institute, an optometric co-management practice with clinics in Springfield, Branson and Joplin, Missouri. He was also recently retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the Medical Services Corps of the Missouri Army National Guard.

1988

Dan McGehee broke his own 100-mile ultra cycling road record on Sept. 25, 2005. He was the 2005 Dedication Recipient of the 18th Smith Ranch Community Cochise County Cycling Classic. He won the Cochise Classic's 252-mile event for the fifth time on October 8, 2005.

1990

Vincent Brandys, a constituent of U.S. Speaker of the House Rep. J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL), presented the Speaker with the American Optometric Association's Health Care Leadership Award, in Washington, D.C.



2002

Douglas Frohlich and his wife Sarah, of Minneapolis, Minn., proudly announce the arrival of Liv Katherine Frohlich, born August 11, 2005, at 8:12 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs 3 oz, and was 21 inches long. "Mother and baby are both doing fine!" reports Doug. "Liv is a much calmer baby (so far) than her big sister Claire, so we're all really enjoying that!" Sarah worked in Student Affairs at ICO for four years.



2005

Sarah Manongdo of Chicago married Dan Joya in May of 2005.

— Compiled by Susan Soric

Obituaries

1934

John H. Koegel of Palm Coast, Fla., died on February 20, 2005.

Marion J. Pfeiffe died on June 21, 2003.

1937

Irving Kernis died of kidney failure on Sept. 25, 2005. He was 89. A native of Chicago and longtime resident of Glenwood, Ill., Dr. Kernis practiced optometry for 50 years in Chicago's Mt. Greenwood neighborhood. He retired at age 65. Shortly thereafter, at 71, Dr. Kernis became the oldest rookie to enroll in the Chicago Police Academy. He began a second career in 1987 as a licensing investigator for the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. In this role, he worked undercover to track down fraud and drug violations. In 1996, Dr. Kernis was named Alumnus of the Year by the Illinois College of Optometry. He was granted a distinguished service award from the Illinois Optometric Association in 1975. Dr. Kernis is survived by two daughters, nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. To honor him, the Dr. Irving Kernis Memorial scholarship has been established. For more information, call (312) 949-7070.



1947

Warren Ray Jones died July 8, 2005. He graduated from NICO after serving in WWII, and went on to practice optometry for 50 years. Jones was active in the Virginia Optometric Association, and "proud of being an optometrist," his son, Warren Bruce Jones, writes. "To the end, he was the guy other optometrists sent their difficult patients to, and he almost always was able to help them. One of his favorite stories was of a local dairyman who could not get one of his cows to eat hay. So Dad and his partner fitted the cow with sunglasses."

1948

Robert S. Tramontana Sr. died in August 2005.

1949

James H. Gaddis died on July 11, 2005.

1950

Michael S. Musich died on July 19, 2005.

William Nakrin has passed away.

Homer E. Sondreal died on March 17, 2005. Dr. Sondreal practiced in Grand Forks, N.D.

Marvin Weisman died on July 5, 2004.

1951

Herbert E. Jones, 83, of Niles, Ill., died July 9, 2005, after a short illness. A native of Alexandria, Ind., he was a graduate of Kent State University and ICO. He was in private practice for 52 years, retiring in December of 2000. Dr. Jones was credited with helping to perfect the hard contact lens for everyday use. He served in World War II with the U.S. Army in the liberation of the Philippines and received the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with one Bronze star. He is survived by his wife, Esther Harper Jones; a son; three daughters; two sisters; two brothers; 12 grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

1954

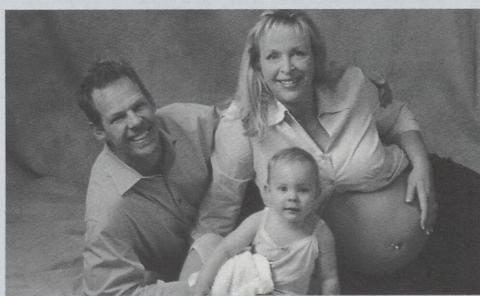
Lowell M. Benson died on March 31, 2005.

1956

Ivan Leseiko died on June 29, 2005. He went into private practice after he graduated from ICO. (Commencement was held at 2317 W. Chicago Ave. in Chicago.) A member of both the American Optometric Association and the Illinois Optometric Association, Dr. Leseiko was a lobbyist for the Committee of Political Affairs. He was also a member of the Illinois Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board from 1987 to 1994. Dr. Leseiko's daughter, Irena, is a 1986 graduate of ICO.

1995

Editor's note: After we ran notice of the death of Kenneth Cosgrove, OD '95, in the Spring 2005 issue of ICO Matters, we heard from his wife, Karen. She asked that we print an addendum to his obituary for readers and friends of Kenny's, and she sent a family picture taken shortly before his death.

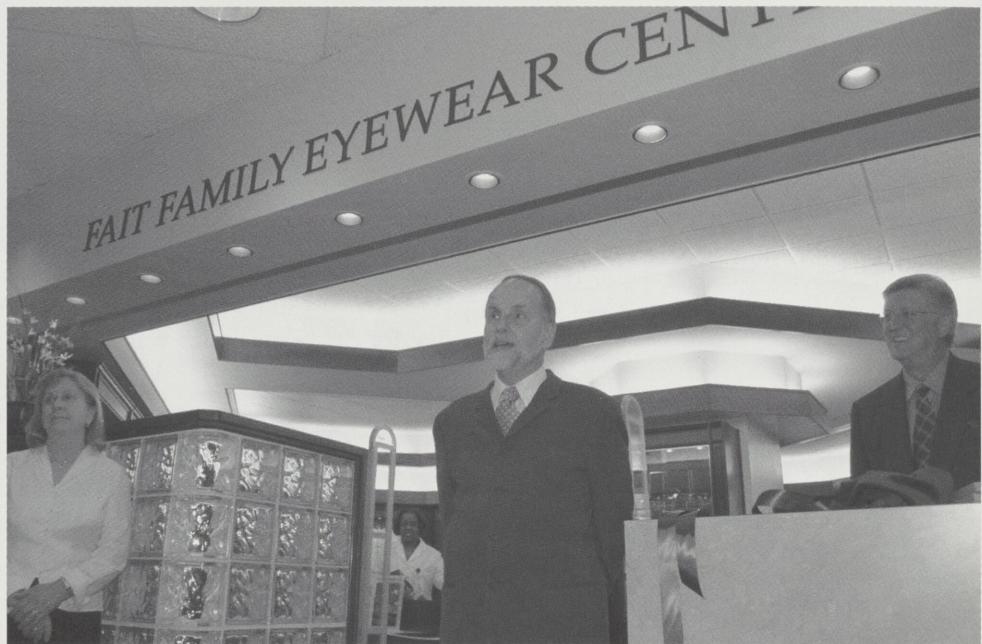


Kenneth Scott Cosgrove passed away on Feb. 16, 2005, in Eloy, Ariz. He was 39. Originally from Lansing, Mich., Dr. Cosgrove graduated from Arizona State University and received his doctorate at the Illinois College of Optometry. He is survived by his wife, Karen, and daughters Kendall and Kayden of Tempe, Ariz. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to his children's college fund. Checks should be made to the Kendall Anne Cosgrove College Fund, 2060 East La Vieve Lane, Tempe, AZ, 85284.

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Robert Fait, OD '68, names the Fait Family Eyewear Center in memory of his father, Lawrence Fait, NICO '47.



Honor Thy Father

Lawrence Edward Fait, NICO '47, was the kind of man you come across once in a lifetime, says his son Robert, OD, '68. "He had such a positive influence on me and everyone he met that I wanted to do something special to honor him."

Giving a gift to create the Fait Family Eyewear Center in the Illinois Eye Institute was Fait's way of doing just that. "My dad inspired me in so many ways, not the least of which was encouraging me to pursue optometry, the field he felt had given him so much," says Fait. And now, with its new workstations, display cases, and welcome area, the Fait Family Eyewear Center will give people the same warm, comfortable feeling Lawrence Fait valued so much in his practice.

"While optometry was a natural

choice for me," says Fait, "as a young soldier serving during WWII, optometry was the last thing on my dad's mind." In fact, the elder Fait was commandeered to become a weatherman and was sent to Carlton College in Minnesota. With this exposure to science, after the war he enrolled at Northern Illinois College of Optometry.

Lawrence Fait then moved back to his home state of Wisconsin and started a practice in Burlington. "He was unique in that he cared for his patients as fellow human beings first, then improved their vision to improve their lives," Robert Fait says. Often what his father's patients needed had nothing to do with vision. "If they seemed depressed, he'd try to cheer them up. If they were having trouble with their

roses, or needed help with a home repair, he had the answer."

"He was like no one else," says Fait. "That's why I felt so strongly about doing something special in his honor. He inspired me to become an optometrist and I've roped in three ICO alums to work with me, just to keep it all in the family!"

"My dad inspired many people with his kind words, warm heart and endless talents," Fait says. "Not many people can say that their mother and father have been the most moral, inspirational people they've known. In my case it's true, and I thought this was a good way to say thank you." ♦

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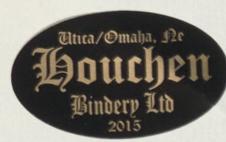
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